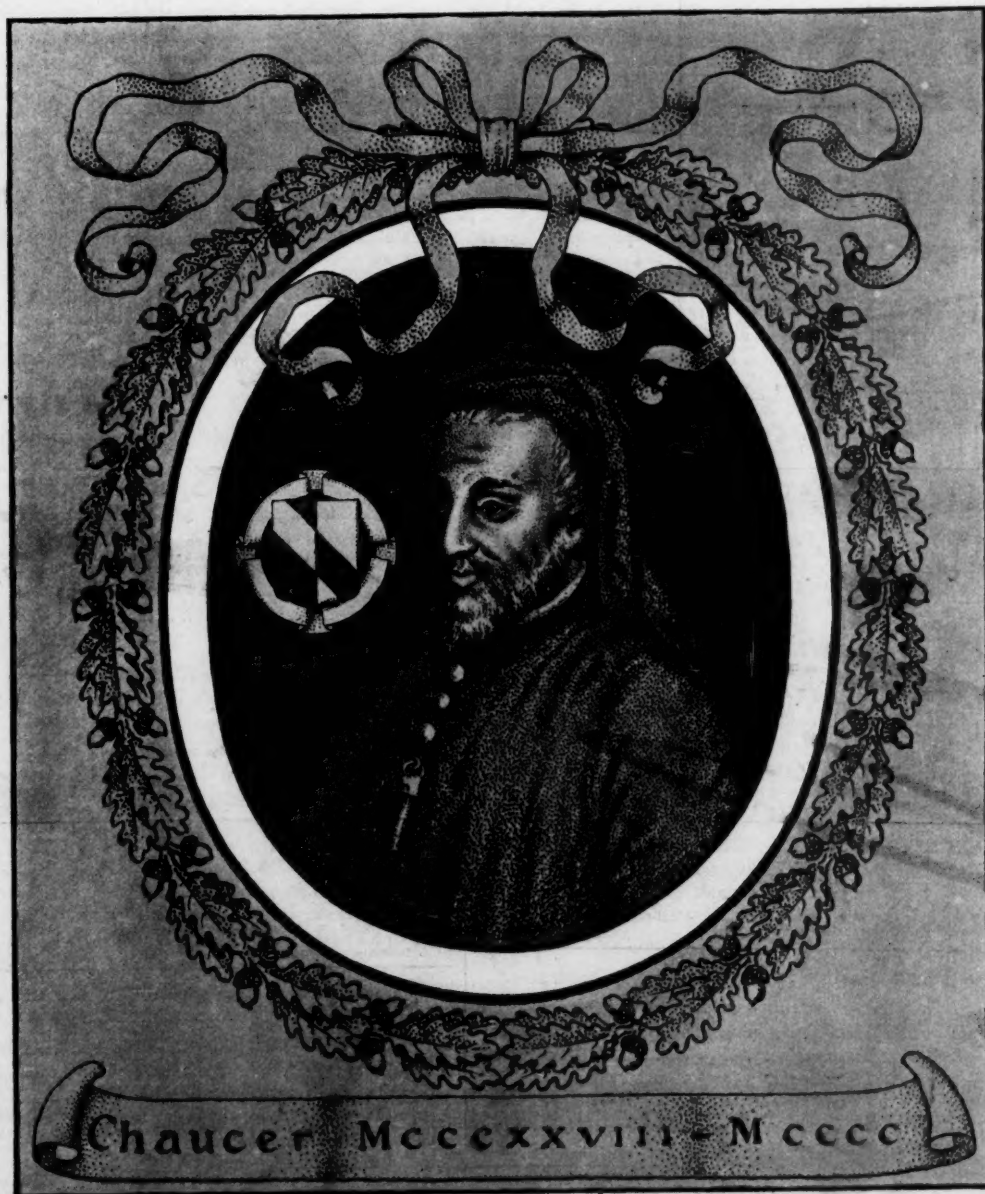


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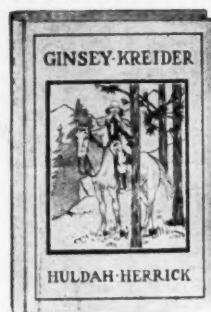
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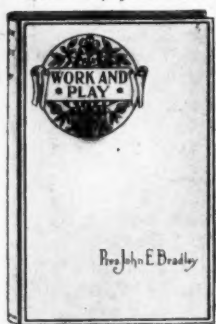


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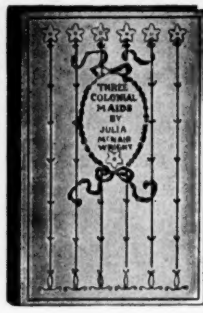
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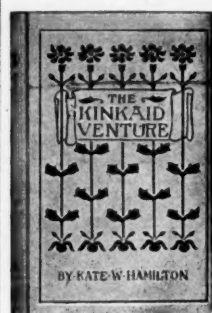
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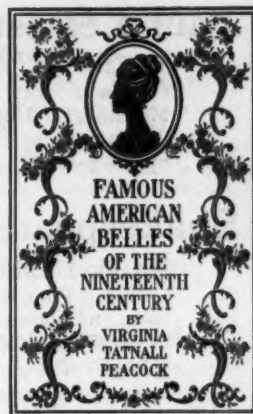
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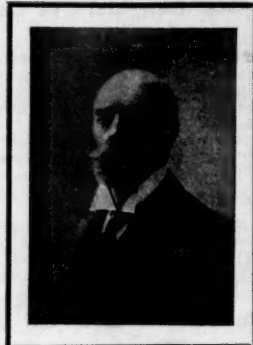
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### The Expanding Thanksgiving Day

The philanthropic aspects of Thanksgiving Day are more and more evident each year. Few people today sit down contentedly at their own full tables until they have previously done something toward providing a happier thanksgiving for the poor and homeless. In Chicago the managers of the city charities say that never before were there such generous gifts to the poor on the part of large business houses, philanthropic societies, churches and individuals. In Boston the Y. M. C. Association, the Y. M. C. Union, the Salvation Army and other organizations opened hospitable doors to large gatherings. The old-time flavor of Thanksgiving as a home festival is by no means lost, but Christian charity is reaching out to provide for the increasing multitudes to whom such an opportunity is denied. Nor are church congregations on Thanksgiving becoming a thing of the past. In Boston services were going on at three different churches on Copley Square simultaneously, and all were fairly well attended. In New York and Brooklyn there were some notable pulpit utterances by such men as Dr. Hillis, Bishop Potter and Dr. Huntington, mainly of a hopeful strain, though the sore need of the regeneration of the metropolis was fairly faced.

### Public Opinion on the Andover Creed

The Andover Seminary creed contains statements which few, if any, enlightened Christians now believe. It was to be expected, therefore, that the secular press would approve of the united action of the Visitors and Trustees in deciding that professors in the seminary should no longer be required formally to declare their belief in and their pledge to inculcate statements which their intelligence presumably com-

pelled them to repudiate. It is gratifying to note that the religious press, except some Presbyterian papers, generally expresses satisfaction with the action of the seminary officials. From the expressions of opinion in our exchanges we select two, which are fairly representative. The *Independent* says: "This puts the conditions at the seminary as to the creed just where they ought to be. And yet this conclusion rests on the idea that it is what the founders would have had if they had been alive now, rather than what they intended when they made these strict provisions." *Zion's Herald* says:

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### Religious Interest at Brown University

At Brown University there has been a religious awakening due to special meetings under the auspices of the college Y. M. C. A. Through the efforts of Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., who while at Brown and since graduation has shown a deep interest in its religious welfare, the services of Mr. John R. Mott were secured. He gave three searching addresses to students on their sins, temptations and doubts, the power of Christ and his claims upon men. Intense interest was shown, and the "after meetings" were largely attended. Personal interviews with Mr. Mott, limited to ten minutes, were held until late in the evening, and were characterized by an earnest spirit of inquiry. Few failed to hear Mr. Mott at least once, while the average attendance was 200—the largest religious meetings for men in the history of Brown. More than two score students have accepted Christ, and the Christian men of the college have been greatly helped. Truths brought out by Mr. Mott were discussed on the campus and in the rooms of the students. The revival was free from undue emotion, and calm deliberation in those who accepted Christ was noticeable.

### A New Form of Missionary Concert

The first of the month numbers of *The Congregationalist* will naturally suggest to many churches a first of the month service. The monthly missionary concert was begun as a meeting for united prayer for our missionaries in foreign lands. It necessitated the giving of information of what the missionaries were doing. The relations of their work with that of other denominations called for a study of the broader field. As missions have emerged from the obscurity of little groups of converts hardly noticed

in the vast mass of heathenism into communities with schools and colleges as well as churches, it has become necessary to understand the influence of Christianity in society and government and its points of contact with other religions. Perhaps the great enlargement of the theme to be considered became a discouragement to busy people and led to a decline of interest in the missionary concert. Perhaps the need for it came to be less felt as young people's and women's organizations took up the consideration of various phases of missions. In any case, a first of the month meeting is more important now than ever before and its educational opportunities are especially inviting. It can be made a most interesting study of the power and progress of the kingdom of God, by which faith and prayer may be cultivated in the whole church. The first month of the new century is a fit time to begin it, and *The Congregationalist* in its first of the month numbers suggests a comprehensive and feasible program. The church of the twentieth century will have a new mission to the world and must understand its place in it.

### The Greatest Books of the Century

Under this title the *Outlook* has collected the opinions of ten representative scholars, of whom two are Englishmen and eight Americans. They are James Bryce, Henry van Dyke, A. T. Hadley, T. W. Higginson, W. DeWitt Hyde, E. E. Hale, G. A. Gordon, A. M. Fairbairn, W. J. Tucker and G. Stanley Hall. Each was asked to name the ten greatest books of the century. Eighteen authors are mentioned by two or more of these ten persons. The only book named by them all is Darwin's *Origin of the Species*. Goethe's *Faust* comes next, chosen by seven. Eight name Hegel as an author, five of whom prefer his *Logic* to any other of his works. Six choose Carlyle, three of them giving preference to his *Sartor Resartus* and two to the *History of the French Revolution*. Mrs. Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin* has five votes. Scott has four, *Waverley* being the one volume mentioned. Wordsworth has four, two naming the *Lyrical Ballads* and one the *Excursion*. Tennyson's *In Memoriam* and Emerson's *Essays* each have four, Hugo's *Les Misérables* and Comte's *Social Philosophy* three each. Strauss's *Life of Jesus* has three and Renan's *Life of Jesus* two. De Toqueville's *Democracy of America*, Ruskin's *Modern Painters*, Browning's *Poems*, Hawthorne and Spencer have two votes for each. Twenty-seven other authors are mentioned, but none by more than one of the ten. Of the eighteen eight are English, four French, three German and three American. Only one of all the authors mentioned is a woman, all the judges being men. Four of the eighteen are novelists.

and four are poets. None of them are theologians in the orthodox sense of the word. Other interesting comparisons are suggested in a study of the men and books which have had the greatest influence over human thought and character in the closing century.

#### What Ministers Read

A close relation subsists between the minister's reading and preaching, and Rev. C. A. Dinsmore did a valuable service when he sought by a series of questions to find out what the Congregational ministers of Boston and vicinity are reading and preaching. He presented the results of his inquiries to the Congregational Club at its last meeting, as the substance of his outlook committee report. Only one or two ministers mentioned any German books. English and American publications are read almost exclusively. Biblical criticism seems to have fallen to the rear, only three men referring to that as a prominent line of study. Exegetical investigation has few attractions, only two persons mentioning use of the Hebrew Bible. Political science is little studied. Theology holds the supreme place, but not the systematic treatises in vogue twenty-five years ago. First in the list is Dr. W. N. Clarke's *Outlines of Christian Theology*. After him the favorite teachers are Martineau, Bushnell, Schultz, Fairbairn, Hyde, Van Dyke and Royce. Those volumes are most potent which treat of Christian doctrine in its relation to psychology, ethics, philosophy and sociology. Starbuck's *Psychology of Religion* and Coe's *Spiritual Life* have many readers. But perhaps the most notable thing brought out by Mr. Dinsmore's questions is the wide interest in the scientific religious training of children. Evidently ministers are turning their attention to building up the churches through Christian nurture rather than by revival methods, and such lecturers and writers as Prof. E. H. Griggs and Pres. G. Stanley Hall will have the attention of the clergy.

#### What Ministers Preach

Mr. Dinsmore followed up his inquiries on reading with the question, "What phase of the gospel do you most emphasize?" Four ministers gave as the essence of their preaching, "applied Christianity," "the ethical conception of life," "the ethical teachings of Jesus," "the worth of man and the manliness of Christian living." But most of the answers emphasize the conviction that Christ is a dynamic rather than a law. They speak of Christ as the power of personal and social regeneration, a vital force in the complex life of today. The preaching is centered in him, not as the Jesus of history, whose life gives us a compelling ideal of conduct, so much as Christ a risen and present Saviour. The preaching is mainly Pauline, drawn from the epistles and from the gospel of John rather than from the synoptics. The center of thought is rather the incarnation than the atonement in its legal aspects. Prominent themes are "the presence and power of the risen Saviour," "Christ in you the hope of glory," "the life of Christ in the soul of man." The preaching of today, in this region at any

rate, is orthodox to the extent that it seeks to produce the conviction that man needs to be saved, and that salvation is not originated by growth or culture, but comes through the divine power working in man which he accepts by faith.

#### India's Message to Givers of the Famine Fund

The famine fund last February they expressed the hope that it might reach \$50,000. It steadily rose to over \$123,000 and the stream of beneficence hardly yet has ceased. All parts of the country and all classes of people have shared in it. A new sense of brotherhood has been awakened for another race in a distant land. The following message has just been received from those who have distributed these gifts to the starving:

The American Marathi mission of the A. B. C. F. M. wishes to express its hearty thanks to all those who have enabled it to save life and relieve distress during the famine through which the western part of India has passed. We feel that we owe a great debt of gratitude to a great army of givers, rich and poor, old and young, who have contributed to India's famine relief, to many organizations, to churches, Sunday schools, Christian Endeavor Societies, and to the religious and secular press. We are aware that this help has been given in many instances with noble self-denial. This assistance strengthened our hands. It came to us promptly, thereby enabling us to preserve life and relieve distress more extensively than was possible in many other places. Our own lives have suffered less because while forced to witness terrible suffering we had at the same time means in our hands to relieve it. Very few of the famine children we have cared for have died, and none of our mission have had to sacrifice their lives. The assistance we have been able to render has put our mission and missionary service in general in high esteem with the non-Christian community, with the government, from the viceroy down to the lowest official, and with the humblest villager.

#### The Cry of the Children

The missionaries in the famine districts of India estimate that 25,000 orphaned children are left to them as a permanent legacy, with no one else to give them food. If they are uncared for, many of them will die, and many of the girls will be brought up for immoral purposes. Definite plans have been made to train these children for industrial pursuits in which they can support themselves. In Ahmednagar city the American mission has about 1,000 of these famine children, and about 500 more are in the district. Five American men and eight women, who have had long experience, are ready to devote themselves to train these children, if funds can be provided. It will cost from \$15 to \$25 a year for each child, and the average time for each to be taught will be five years. A factory can be erected and equipped which will provide for 400 boys for about \$3,500. A farm can be secured whose cost and working capital for two years would be only \$500. It is expected that some returns from the labor would be realized, and several pledges have already been made. We have received an offer from one person of \$100 for the work provided these plans are carried out. While it does not seem practicable for *The Congregationalist* to announce receipts, as in the case of the famine fund, we are heartily in sympathy

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with the schemes proposed. Children trained under the care of the missionaries will be a leavening power in the coming generation in India as fruitful for Christianity as any kind of missionary effort can be. This seems to be an opportunity which cannot be neglected and an appeal from these needy little ones which cannot be disregarded. The most recent letters we have received from Rev. J. E. Abbott of Bombay and Rev. R. A. Hume of Ahmednagar are urgent and convincing.

#### The Feeling in India Toward America

A remarkable advance in cordial feeling between the two countries is one result of the famine. And this advance is closely associated with a favorable interest in the Christian religion. Three years ago when the famine came to an end the Hindu newspapers expressed a prevailing prejudice against the missionaries retaining care of the famine children. The cry was, "Save them from the missionaries." Funds were raised by the natives, and some small orphanages were started for this purpose. But no such cry is heard now. Very kindly references are being made in the native press to the service rendered by the missionaries. The *Indian Spectator*, the leading Parsee organ, declares that the sympathy and intelligence with which missionaries entered into the work of famine relief has been a revelation to them all. The assistance from America is again and again gratefully referred to.

#### The Contagion of Unity

There are indications that both the laity and clergy of the Northern Presbyterian Church in the United States have been shaped by the new unity among Scotch Christians and the long existing unity of Canadian Presbyterians into solemn consideration of the necessity of Presbyterians in this country doing something to put an end to the divisions which now separate them. Justice Potter of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court struck this note and pleaded for unity at a recent meeting of the Presbyterian Union of Pittsburgh, and Rev. Dr. C. A. Dickey of Philadelphia, the present moderator of the Northern General Assembly, seconded his remarks, claiming that it only needed the burying of a few prejudices and peculiarities to unite at least four of the Presbyterian bodies of the country. He admitted that the Presbyterian Church North, being the larger body, should initiate the movement for union.

#### Noble Hospitality

Never was the resourcefulness of missionaries of the Anglo-American type revealed with more splendor than when the Protestant missionaries in Japan realized that Japan was to be a station on the route which the exiled missionaries in China were to travel to America and Europe. The record of the work done in the city of Kobe lies before us. The girls' school of the A. B. C. F. M. was turned into a hotel on July 12 and for the next fifty-three days of its life the Kobe College Hospital-Hotel and Refugees' Restaurant registered a large number of guests. Of 310 persons entertained, ninety-three were

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men, 128 women and eighty-nine children and youths. Of the 200 adult missionaries 161 came from China. They represented twenty-four different denominations. Some came to the hotel moneyless and without clothes and none of them spoke Japanese. Yet they found they were among brethren; they were succored and sent on their way, and their missionary hosts, after paying bills amounting to 1,703 yen, came out of the trying ordeal without a debt. It is needless to add that what will grow to be lifelong friendships were formed, that gratitude abounded and that comity between Christians of all names and lands multiplied. Our regular correspondent in Japan, Rev. Dr. James H. Pettee, is altogether too modest to write us anything about an enterprise in which he had so prominent a part, so we must rely on a statement of the matter found in the *Mission News*.

## Current History

### The President's Annual Message

President McKinley's message is unusually long, and yet not verbose. An enterprise so vast, and varied as our national one has come to be cannot be described to its stockholders by its manager briefly, if he is to do it in a way that is explicit and complete. Our international relations, even with Spain, our recent foe, seem to be amicable to an unusual degree, and this not because we have not been forced to assert our opinion and see to it that our traders, missionaries and wards have their rights, but because in matters of reciprocity of trade, preservation of the entity of China, securing of indemnity due citizens whose property has been damaged, etc., we have been self-respecting and yet courteous. The record of our troops and our diplomats in China, as set forth by the President, is one that may reasonably fill us with pride. The policy outlined for the Philippines is one full of wisdom and courage—wisdom to choose an opportunist policy in determining political relations in the archipelago and between it and the United States, and courage enough to adhere to this course, though it subject us to the charge of disloyalty to past ideals.

The call for an adequate army and navy to do the police work of the nation necessary to be done at home and abroad will meet with the favor of all but the most recalcitrant of critics. While there is due recognition of the facts of unprecedented national prosperity, there is no undue boasting over the same. On the contrary, the message closes with an exhortation to Congress to guard against the danger of extravagance which the unexampled prosperity invites. It is distinctly declared that the increasing wealth and opportunity must not "be used to invite conflicts, nor for oppression," and the parting injunction of the President is: "Let us keep always in mind that the foundation of our Government is liberty, its superstructure peace."

### National Legislatures Meet

The second session of the Fifty-sixth Congress of the United States and the first session of the fifteenth Parliament of Great Britain un-

der Victoria met on Monday, the former for a short session, at which some, but not much, constructive legislation is likely to be enacted, the latter much earlier than usual in order to deal with the fiscal problems arising from the South African war, which has cost and still is costing about \$30,000,000 per week and must now be paid for by the taxpayers, who hitherto have not felt the pinch, owing to the resort to loans.

The American Congress meets with a demoralized, leaderless Democratic opposition and a complacent, well-organized, ambitious Republican majority, who are likely to follow loyally the lead of an executive whose actual powers will transcend those of any other man of his time, be he ever so great an autocrat and ever so untrammelled by constitutional provisions. This is not to say that President McKinley has usurped powers that are not his legally. It simply means that such is his temperament and such his method of dealing with men of his own and the opposition party that he can manipulate Congress as no other president ever has. His increased executive power is due also to the tendency toward centralization and extension of executive authority which is seen today in every land, in every political unit and industrial enterprise, a drift reflected in every new municipal charter or plan for the concentration of industry or commerce. Lacking stalwart opposition from the Democratic party, lacking serious criticism or opposition from within the Republican ranks, and feeling the constant pressure of events which call for the assumption of large powers of authority by the Executive, it will be seen that the days just ahead will be those of much responsibility for the President and his advisers. Fortunately, in the President and cabinet the country has confidence commensurate with the tasks to be performed and the obligations to be borne.

### The Reformation of New York

The committee of fifteen selected by the president of the New York Chamber of Commerce to assume the task of securing for New York city a decent, non-partisan government is one strong in its personnel but lacking in representatives of that great portion of the population really most interested in the movement, namely, the artisan, wage-earning class. Testimony given before the Tenement House Commission last week by those who know the inroads that vice has made in the tenement house districts since the city became a "wide open" town was shocking in its details. Ex-Mayor Hewitt, in addressing the Chamber of Commerce, revealed in detail the sort of facts which he faced when he became mayor of New York city, facts respecting the collusion between the politicians of both parties, Tammany and the vicious. The outlook for united sensible action is bright. Several of the members of the committee of fifteen are announcing that they are in the fight until the victory is won, and it is already suggested that the committee should assume a career of considerable length and should map out its campaign accordingly.

Coincident with the reform to be wrought in executing common law a re-

form of the structure of the city government will go on, the charter revision committee appointed by Governor Roosevelt having completed its task and formulated a report which has been made public. They have draughted a bill carrying out the recommendations of the report which will go before the next legislature. The changes all point to increase of executive authority either in the mayor or heads of departments, the lopping off of undue legislative powers and privileges, and more scrutiny by executive officials of the expenditures of government.

### The Death of Senator Davis

The death of Senatorushman K. Davis, senior representative of the State of Minnesota in the United States Senate and chairman of that body's Committee of Foreign Relations, removes from our national arena at a most inopportune time a man whose special knowledge of our recent diplomatic history and of our foreign relations during all our history was more thorough and exact than any man in Congress. His career is one of those typical American ones in which the poor but ambitious boy struggles first for an education, then for a standing in his profession—law—and then by sheer merit passes from the stage of local legislator to that of governor of a state, and then to the national legislature. As a lawyer Mr. Davis was a servant of the many as against the few and a bold opponent of corporation greed, and yet when the issue came at the time of the Chicago riots in 1895 few men in public life so long friendly to the cause of organized labor were so bold in refusing to give the slightest suggestion of assent to the policy of lawlessness for which organized labor then stood.

Senator Davis, if he had had more leisure for literary work or if he had been more a man of society, might have been better known in the East for his varied stores of knowledge and his gifts of expression as an author. The best of English, French and Italian literature he knew. His library was large, and it had been read. His views on all matters pertaining to our national policy were other than provincial. He knew the history of the world in the past and had historical imagination as to the future in drafting treaties of today. As one of those who negotiated the recent treaty of Paris with Spain, he will forever be a historic figure in our national history. To Minnesota he was in truth her greatest son, one who had served her well and done her naught but credit. During the past week she has manifested her grief and affectionate admiration in forms so intense and in ways so universal in scope that the citizen of Massachusetts in reading about them inevitably has recalled the days when Charles Sumner was brought back to the old commonwealth to be buried in state amid demonstrations of universal grief.

### The Selection of a Successor

The selection of Senator Davis's successor as head of the Foreign Relations Committee in the Senate will call for wisdom and patriotic self-abnegation on the part of some of the ranking members of that committee. It is a time when seniority should count for less than fit-

ness. Never in our national history did our international relations call so insistently for able handling. The Secretary of State should have the support of a man in the Senate, speaking for the Foreign Relations Committee, who has made foreign affairs a study, and who knows Europe by personal study of her social conditions and by acquaintance with her public men. Massachusetts, in the person of Senator Lodge, stands ready to furnish the man.

#### The Man of Wealth and His Civic Obligations

Bishop Lawrence of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Massachusetts is the son of a wealthy man, and he is wealthy in his own right. Therefore when he speaks to the New York Chamber of Commerce on the serious aspects of our national life, particularly as they concern aggregated wealth and its use, he speaks not as a Christian teacher alone deriving his opinions from the Christian ethic, but also as a man who has known the power and perils of wealth and the peculiar seductions of its possession. It is impossible for the merchant to describe him as talking about something which he knows nothing of, or as being inspired by covetousness or class greed. Hence the peculiar significance of his recent remarks.

After pointing out the swift and inevitable increase of national wealth, and contending that "where one man among us seeks money for its own sake ten seek it for the satisfaction of the seeking, the power there is in it and the use they can make of it," he went on to deal with the corporation problem, declaring that there was a suspicion on the part of the people respecting the fairness of dealing and law-abiding attitude of the trusts and aggregations of wealth, and he contended that "prosperity cannot go on long while people think that the reverence for law by which property is safeguarded is not upheld." Then, as if conscious of his prophetic duty, speaking to men some of whom must be guilty, if any are, he said:

What is needed as our next step in civilization is to break a hole and make a window that the public may see into the great corporations and trusts, and, what is just as important, that the managers may see out and recognize the sentiment of the public. Light and action—heroic action! There are men today waiting and wanting to act, to throw off the shackles of the modern bandits, but they dare not alone; the trusts are too great. What is wanted is a group of men, high in position, great in power, who, at great cost, if need be, will stand and say, "Thus far up to the lines of the nicest honor shalt thou go, and no further."

"Bandits" is a strong word, but none too strong, and it is a joy to know that we have in Bishop Lawrence one who will call a spade a spade.

**Mexico's Great Ruler** On Dec. 1 Gen. Porfirio Diaz was inaugurated president of the united Mexican States for the sixth time. If he lives out his term he will have presided over the destinies of Mexico for nearly a quarter of a century. Along with Marquis Ito of Japan, Prince Bismarck of Germany, Cecil Rhodes of South Africa, the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain of Great Britain and Sir Wilfred Laurier of Canada he must be ranked as one of the great per-

sonalities and constructive statesmen of his time.

Mexico under his able guidance has changed from a priest-cursed, bandit-ridden arena of disintegrating revolution into a powerful federation of well-ordered, well-governed states, with high credit among the money lenders of the world, with a liberal policy toward other nations in matters of trade, with a splendidly organized system of popular education and ever increasing wealth generally diffused. Diaz has the blood of the ancient native race which Spain conquered, but he is chiefly of Spanish stock, and as such shows what that race can do when enlightened and freed from priestly rule. To attain his ideals for his native land and his people he has had to be an autocrat, and the republic of which he is head is virtually a constitutional monarchy. But autocracy in form has not been permitted to crush out democracy in spirit, and he has ever subordinated personal aims to national ones. Mexico as he may leave it four years hence will be far better fitted to take up the task of actual democratic administration than it would have been had it during the twenty-four years been suffering a repetition of the revolutions which preceded Diaz's advent.

#### Turkey Pays the Indemnity

In November, 1895, during the massacre of Armenian Christians by Kurds and Turks, property of Americans in Harpoot, including the missions of the A. B. C. F. M. and the buildings of Euphrates College, was destroyed. The then United States minister, Mr. Terrell, at once filed claims aggregating \$100,000, and from that day to this the United States has been steadily pressing for payment of damages and Turkey has steadily resisted, not caring to establish a precedent, inasmuch as other countries have similar claims for like losses. With the ordering of the man-of-war Kentucky to a station off Smyrna recently a change seems to have come over the spirit of the sultan's dreams, and reports from Constantinople now affirm that the Porte has just given an order to and signed a contract with the Cramp ship building firm, Philadelphia, for the construction of a cruiser for the Turkish navy, the price to be paid covering not only the cost of the cruiser but the claim of the American Government for property destroyed in 1895. Turkey thus satisfies the claim and flatters herself that she has avoided establishing a precedent for the payment of claims to other nations. For our part, we should have much preferred to see our Government stand out for a frank recognition of obligation due and square payment of the same by Turkey. But Secretary of State Hay probably reasoned that payment in a roundabout way was better than no payment, or payment enforced at the cannon's mouth.

American exports are beginning to find their way into Turkey now, to the chagrin of the German exporters and traders, and if the relations between us and Turkey do not become strained the trade will grow. Moreover, the sultan has it in his power to obstruct the work of Christian missions, if he cares to, to a degree not seen now. Thus for various reasons it doubtless seemed best to accept the

more pacific course, the one least calculated to injure "the face" of the sultan.

There are no new developments in the case of Consul Norton chosen to represent us at Harpoot, who has been refused an *exequatur* by Turkey. Mr. Norton is an educated Christian of more than usual experience and gifts, and because of this is not wanted as an observer of conditions in the interior.

#### The South African War

That the London *Statist* should confess the loss of British prestige up to date, and call upon the British ministry to alter its South African policy by choosing more irenic methods of conquest, indicates that London's financial circles dislike exceedingly the prolongation of the strife, and deplore the forms of warfare which Lord Roberts has ordered and which Lord Kitchener, now that he is in command, will make even more drastic. That the Boers under General De Wet should have captured 400 British troops and two cannon at Dewetsdorp in the Orange Free State does not add to the composure of the British military authorities. It shows that the Boers have not lost their audacity and celerity of movement, and that the contest will continue stubbornly for a long time to come with chances favoring an Africander uprising in the Cape Colony if the treatment of the Boer non-combatants in the former Orange Free State and the Transvaal becomes cruel, as it now promises to be.

All hope of intervention by foreign Powers which President Kruger may have cherished must have vanished now. To be sure, during the past week he has had the satisfaction of receiving votes of sympathy passed by both houses of the French national legislature. But the French ministry have not given him the faintest shadow of a promise of intervention, and Germany's snub in the form of a direct message from the emperor has been so positive that President Kruger has given up his visit to Berlin and will go direct from France to Holland. There is some talk of his visiting the United States, where he would meet with much the same reception as he has had in France—that is, much sympathy from the masses but no aid from the executive branch of the Government. Congressman Fitzgerald of Massachusetts already has introduced in the House resolutions expressing sympathy for President Kruger in his effort to secure "proper terms of settlement" with Great Britain.

#### The News from Peking

Reports from Peking do not indicate any marked change in the situation there. News comes of the intention of the Germans and French to loot the ancient astronomical observatory at Peking and ship its apparatus to Paris and Berlin, and the news does not add to the pleasure of conscientious Occidentals. Reports from the interior of China tell of the rapid enrollment of volunteer defenders of the empire—an outcome predicted by Sir Robert Hart in his article on the Chinese situation, to which we refer elsewhere. Reports from European capitals point to ultimate acceptance by all the Powers of the moderate program for which the



United States and Russia have stood from the first.

The steady improvement in the condition of the Czar of Russia is reassuring to those who credit him with being the balance wheel which keeps the machinery of European government from hopeless confusion and impairment.

That by a decree of Emperor William II. of Germany English should have been put above French as a necessary study in the gymnasia, French being relegated to the optional section, is a significant fact for the educational and commercial world to contemplate.

Denver, Col., is deeply stirred by an effort on the part of the decent people of all parties and religious faiths to put an end to flagrant violation of law, and to close the "open door" for gambling, the social evil and Sunday theaters which now is ajar. The Ministerial Alliance and the Anti-saloon League are leading in the crusade.

Mark Twain has just done his duty as a citizen and filed a complaint against a cabman in New York who had attempted to extort money from a domestic. He followed the matter up to the proper tribunal and saw the man fined, and then preached a much-needed homily to the men of New York on their supineness in the face of extortion on a large and small scale.

The London *Times* reports the failure of the round-table conference held at Fulham Palace to formulate a statement of the doctrine of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper and its expression in ritual which would satisfy all parties in the Anglican Church. The Bishop of London, on technical grounds, has declined to prosecute three ritualists recently charged with insubordination and excessive ritualism.

A commission of experts has advised that the British postal authorities adopt the Marconi wireless system of telegraphy. If the system is adopted, it will mean a revolution in the telegraphic system of the world; for its successful application to the elaborate and cheap national system of Great Britain would tend to make it universally popular. Marconi asserts that within a year he will be sending messages across the Atlantic.

It is suggestive to find the Centrist party in Germany urging upon the imperial government the creation of a federal supreme court which shall adjust differences between the empire and the states, and between the states; which shall determine questions of succession to the throne when in dispute; which shall provide recourse for citizens wishing to sue the empire or the states; and which shall determine the conflict or non-conflict of state laws with the laws of the empire. In short, they want a court modeled largely on the lines of our Federal Supreme Court. The same party is fighting for a return of the Jesuits to Germany.

## Personality versus Theology

At a council which met recently to install a pastor, the candidate frankly stated that he held some theological opinions which have found scant acceptance among Congregationalists and from which several members of the council dissented. But the vote to install him was unanimous and hearty. One of the oldest and most conservative ministers present remarked in substance that he cordially approved of the man though he did not wholly approve of his theology.

The incident is noteworthy as indicating a change in the basis of judgment in determining the fitness of men for the gospel ministry. Not long ago the system of doctrine held by the churches was so definite and so exactly determined that ministers who did not accept it wholly could hardly expect the approval of a council.

The candidate in this instance had had collegiate and seminary training. His pastorate of several years in another state had been fruitful in its service to individuals and in building up the church. His associates in the city where he had labored sent by personal representatives their unqualified indorsement. His statement of belief showed the results of devout and independent study of the Bible and of Christian doctrine and history. His knowledge of men, his Christian experience and his controlling purpose to bring men into fellowship with Jesus Christ as his disciples were beyond question. Therefore the council received him into fellowship and unhesitatingly committed to his charge the important church which had asked its advice.

This is welcome evidence that living men under the guidance of the Holy Spirit may command as much confidence in their conclusions concerning divine truth as men who lived two or three centuries ago, when knowledge of the universe, of this world and of man was much more limited and less accurate than it now is. We may grant that the writings of John the apostle have the peculiar certitude of a special inspiration as well as of intimate personal acquaintance with Jesus Christ in the flesh. We might even acknowledge unique claims to the inspiration of John the Presbyter as a pupil of "that disciple whom Jesus loved." We may accept without question the record which bears the signature of John Mark who was so long associated with those who had seen the Lord. But while John Calvin and John Knox and John Wesley were eminent theologians, there may be other Johns who as their successors shall add something to men's knowledge of God, and even correct some of the statements of their predecessors.

It bodes not ill but well for the Christian Church that not only those men are accepted as its teachers who can subscribe without reservation to all the tenets of the fathers, but that men of learning and faith are becoming acceptable as teachers who can with devout reason put aside tenets that have become untenable and can add something valuable to the knowledge of God which helps men to become like him. The word of the Lord will not be less precious, but more, because the days are presaged when there will be open vision. "The faith which was once for

all delivered unto the saints" will not be less earnestly contended for because men are stimulated to search for more light to break forth from God's word and works and find their search rewarded in their own experience and its results enriching the faith and lives of their fellowmen.

## What Christianity Might Do in China

In 1854 a young Briton, educated at Queen's College, Belfast, where James McCosh, afterward president of Princeton College, was his instructor, went out to China in the British consular service. His quick mastery of the language and customs and his rare administrative skill led to his nomination as inspector-general of Chinese customs in 1863, in which place he remained until 1885, when he declined the British ambassadorship to China and was made director-general of Chinese imperial maritime customs. This post he now holds. Of Chinese life, official and non-official, no foreigner can compare with him in quantity or quality of knowledge. Hence the importance of anything he may say now respecting the present state of affairs in China and the future of that troubled land.

The November *Fortnightly Review* and the December *Cosmopolitan Magazine* contain his account of the events in Peking from May to August, and his prophecy as to the future. No more valuable contribution may be read by the English and American public in the magazines of the month. Sir Robert Hart will be found admitting that the diplomats had warnings which they ignored, but he does not state that the warnings came from missionaries who knew more than the diplomats. He concedes generously that but for the skill and resources of missionaries like Gamewell and Tewksbury, and courage of men like Ament—all Americans—the mortality among foreigners in Peking and near-by mission stations would have been far higher. He describes, with a restraint which makes it all the more impressive, the terrors of the siege and the mysterious escape from destruction, which the missionaries credit to Providence, but which, he intimates, was due to some one high in power at the court who was shrewd enough to see that the massacre of the European and American inmates of the British legation would lead to retribution which China could not survive and be an entity.

But the impressive feature of this article is the emphasis which Sir Robert Hart places on the essential righteousness of the Boxer uprising as a demonstration on a large scale of the virtue which so many observers have denied to the Chinese, namely patriotism; and his insistence that, be the outcome of negotiations at Peking now what they may, this spirit of patriotism will survive, and that sooner or later the Chinese masses, well armed and well officered, will confront the Occident. For him as for the late C. H. Pearson the "yellow peril" is a very real peril. In commenting upon this position of Sir Robert Hart the English press has ventured almost to impugn his loyalty to Occidental ideals; they say he has lived among the Chinese so long that he has become deracialized and is, in sooth, a

Chinaman. We doubt both the justice and the penetration of this charge. The Scotch-Irishman does not so easily become a Mongolian.

Two possible but not probable courses of action Sir Robert Hart thinks might avert the return of present conditions on a vaster and more portentous scale. One of these is "a certain kind of foreign intervention, begun now and steadily and systematically pursued," which would recall China to her old ideals of peace, discourage militarism and enable the workings of civilization under the forms of industry and commerce so to modify the character and racial ambitions of the people as to avoid the ultimate great contest at arms. The other way out he thinks is for Christianity, in "spite of official opposition and popular irritation, to make a mighty advance and so spread as to convert China into the friendliest of Powers." "Nothing," he says, "but partition—a difficult and unlikely international settlement—or a miraculous spread of Christianity in its best form" will avert the "yellow peril."

Sir Robert admits that he expects no salvation from either of these agencies; and as for the course of partially condoning the past and supporting the Manchu dynasty, for which policy all the Powers save Germany at this writing seem to stand, he believes it will only be palliative, not remedial. While he admits that Europe in the past often has been ungenerous in her treatment of China and given some provocation for the present uprising, he also questions whether the clash between the Mongol and the Caucasian was not inevitable, no matter how conciliatory and tactful the Caucasian was; and he looks forward to a renewal of the conflict in years to come, unless China as a whole is Christianized.

What a call to arms this is to the Christians of the United States, Great Britain, Germany and France, Protestants and Roman Catholics! It means the stripping off of everything that would hinder in a gigantic wrestle—all sectarian prejudices, unvital parts of creeds and ritualistic millinery. It means that common sense must go with culture, and fair play with zeal. It calls for a separation of church and state and the reliance of the messengers on the Sword of the Spirit and not on the cannon of the man-of-war or the rifle of the marine. It means that the Roman Catholics must cease demanding special civic rights for converts and cease creating an *imperium in imperio*. It means that to forefend a war of races the Son of Man must reign.

## Do Christians Sufficiently Appreciate Their Hymns

We pity all who care little for hymns. Like those born blind, they may not be aware how much they lose, but their loss is real. To one who has grown up with the sweet, strong, inspiring hymns of the church, even though he may not be musical enough to sing them melodiously, they mean more than he can express. Many and many a time it has been a line or two of some hymn which has flashed into mind just in time to save him from discouragement, perplexity or even grave sin. It is no wonder that heroes have

been used to go into battle singing hymns.

To appreciate them sufficiently means to gain from them all the spiritual inspiration which there is in them. Their intellectual meaning and their literary quality are not now under consideration. Probably few Christians appreciate them sufficiently either in the sense of comprehending fully how many beautiful, touching, pertinent, suggestive, uplifting hymns already exist, or in that of having sounded the depths of spiritual meaning and value to the individual heart of any really noble hymn. There are no words or circumstances which do not have at least a few good hymns to fit them. There is no really good hymn which does not grow to mean more to the soul, the longer it is pondered.

We could fill pages with illustrations, were it necessary. But it is not. Let all who naturally love to praise God in verse and song be thankful for that inborn inclination, and realize that it means more than mere privilege. It involves responsibility. It is a talent to be accounted for. And let all who have failed to be thus endowed understand that for them too, in their own measure and degree, a world of blessing lies in the grand, sweet hymns which have cheered the hearts of other Christians for centuries. It reaches them indirectly by inspiring their fellow-believers and purifying and toning up the atmosphere of both the church and the world. It reaches them directly in most instances, even if in less degree than others, for they are few indeed who have no knowledge of hymns and no favorites. And in either case it enriches and ennobles their hearts and lives.

## In Brief

The leading saloon keeper of Monett, Mo., says that his business has been cut down fifty per cent. since the Y. M. C. A. for railroad men was started there. It is the usual way.

Word comes of a renewal of fighting between the Christian and non-Christian natives of the New Hebrides group—news that will grieve the heart of Dr. John G. Paton as he rests from his long labors with Scotch friends.

"The best club a man can join is composed of himself, wife and a little child." Amen to this bit of sentiment and sense put forth in connection with a remarkably valuable series of papers on The Family read at the recent Connecticut General Conference.

You do not think the grade of preachers now is what it was, or what it should be? Well! Possibly it may be fair to retort on you—a parent or a pastor—as Principal Fairbairn recently did to a critic of the British present day seminary graduate, "Why don't you send us better men out of which to make clergymen who are fit?"

Prof. George Adam Smith denies that the churches of Glasgow are losing their grip on the working men. He says that eight years of study of social conditions in Glasgow has revealed to him much activity among the wage-earners in the East End churches for their fellows, and that, were it not for the working classes of Glasgow, the evangelical tone of religious life in the city could not be kept up a week.

The provisional committee of the National Council has elected Rev. Asher Anderson, Meriden, Ct., to the place made vacant by the death of Dr. H. A. Hazen. Mr. Anderson will serve the council as its secretary till its next meet-

ing in Portland, Me., Oct., 1901, continuing for the present in his pastorate. His church is one of the largest in the state and he has been its pastor for the last ten years, and is well acquainted with the affairs of the denomination.

The response to the series of articles by Rev. E. H. Byington in our Christian World numbers on The Thoughtful Use of Hymns has been greater than he or we anticipated. He has had letters from over fifty persons, many of whom are doing the work suggested. It is not too late for others to join this "Home Hymn Study Class." Only two articles have been published, the first Nov. 3 and the second Dec. 1. Each outlines a specific line of work which many are finding enjoyable and profitable.

Next week at sheriff's sale the Christian Commonwealth Colony in Georgia, founded in February, 1898, near Columbus will cease to be a socialist community, and the land and buildings will revert to private ownership. Most of the members of the community came originally from Indiana, Illinois and Ohio. They were of more than usual intelligence and they started with considerable capital. For a time the colony prospered, then dissensions arose, and now the usual fate of such projects has come.

Secretary Creegan of the American Board has completed arrangements for a series of missionary rallies in the interest of the work in China, to be held in about 100 of the churches in Connecticut during the first three weeks of December. All the speakers, with the exception of some of the secretaries, will be missionaries just returned from the China field. The rallies will take the Chinese mission field into nearly every corner of Connecticut, and, judging from the demand for them, the subject is already before the minds of the people.

No man, however agnostic or wicked, lives his life without at some time paying tribute to the great verities and hopes of humanity. Huxley might disbelieve in immortality on all the other days of his conscious life, but one day he sat down to write to John Morley, and in the course of the epistle said: "It is a curious thing that I find my dislike to the thought of extinction increasing as I get older and nearer the goal. It flashes across me at times with a sort of horror that in 1900 I shall probably know no more of what is going on than I did in 1800."

The Protestant Episcopal journals, with the exception of the *Living Church*, are wroth at the recent "Fond Du Lac Circus," as the recent ritualistic lawness at the consecration of Bishop Weller is irreverently called, to which incident we referred in our Christian World Catechism, No. 2. One of the correspondents of *The Church Standard* is cruel enough to point out the bearing of statistics on the situation. When Bishop Grafton went to the diocese of Fond Du Lac it had sixteen more missions and parishes than it now has, and 146 more communicants in the "see city." We intimated in our catechism that such displays of "millinery" would not appeal to the American layman.

At a recent conference of Christian workers, in which Rev. C. M. Sheldon described the disproportionate attention given in church service to musical performances, leaving a small place at the end of the program for the sermon, a gentleman related this incident of a well-known minister. He had prepared a special sermon for some special occasion—perhaps Easter Sunday—but when at length the long succession of organ recitals and anthems and solos and quartets was finished, consuming much more time than had been arranged, the whole period of the service had expired. The minister arose and calmly said, "The sermon will be postponed to next year," and pronounced the benediction.



## The Present Tendencies in Novel Reading

By Richard Burton

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The taste for novels at any time is a valuable index of contemporary ideals. No thoughtful person can fail to see what a tremendous influence, for good or bad, is now exerted by fiction, which has become the dominant literary form. The best in story-making is a potent educational force. Hence the serious interest pertaining to any inquiry into the present day tendency in novel reading.

The situation just now is of peculiar significance. Realism, which prevalently has meant main attention to the physical, unpleasant and vile aspects of life, has been on the whole the most marked fictional trend since 1875. We have been deluged with problems and puzzles, sickened with odors and noxious sights, depressed by hopeless pessimism, invited to attend at Saturnalia reminiscent of the decadent days of Rome. There has been a cult of the flesh, a deification of agnosticism. "There is no God and we are his prophets," has been the somewhat illogical cry of sundry able fiction makers. English novelists, taking their cue from abroad, notably from France, have supplied such fiction, and the public has devoured it with voracity. Be it understood that I refer to the worst phases of realism; like other things, it has its good side—a desire to tell the truth, a genuine contribution to our knowledge of the masses as well as the classes, a deep sympathy with the stray sheep and the black sheep of the great world flock.

Then, some half-dozen years ago, owing to these very excesses in realistic fiction, with its crude, partial, violent and sometimes disgusting view of life, came a distinct reaction, as welcome as it was natural. The romance, never quite dead, returned with its youth renewed like the Phoenix; the historical novel brought a revived sense of the glamour of the by-gone, and the beauty to be found even in the homely life of the Now was expressed in pastoral, idyl and prose poem. The good in realism meanwhile persisted and made these different kinds of romance writing truer to the fundamental facts of human nature. For the last few years the most noteworthy impulse in fiction has been this renaissance of romance, and in especial of the historical story. Recent successes will come at once to mind—*Quo Vadis*, Richard Carvel, Janice Meredith, *To Have and to Hold*, Philip Winwood. This quartet of books has sold better than any four in another field. *The Century*, in its promises for the coming year, emphasizes its fiction constituting "a year of romance." On all sides publishers make glaring announcement of their romantic wares. The inference

is irresistible that the great reading public cares most, at present, for the incident-crowded, adventurous, heroic tales, which have the attraction of unfamiliar costuming, speech and social modes. People have fled from Gradgrind facts to idealistic dreams, or to the more splendid facts of the imagination.

Also the homely-truthful, pleasant to encounter and wholesome in effect, has become popular, and this, too, is but another phase of the same reaction against the drearily erotic or somberly sad. Westcott's *David Harum* is a witness, Bacheller's *Eben Holden* a later one. This sort of story, to be sure, stands for the nobler aspect of realism, but it is just as true as, and much more enjoyable than, the fiction of homely life in vogue a little earlier—Morrison's *Tales of Mean Streets*, for example, or George Moore's *Esther Waters*. The demand for (and consequent supply of) gladder fiction, whether the scene be of the past or present, is part of the general movement towards romance, since it is in its quintessence the presentation of the nobler, more exceptional and encouraging phases of life. Let it not be forgotten that the instinct for cheer in fiction is based on sound ethics; to be as happy as one innocently can is a duty as well as a privilege. Let me not be a renegade to "my great task of happiness," sings Robert Louis Stevenson. The pathetically obvious desire for illusion, whether gained by the loveliness of the personalities of fiction or from the tonic of heroic happenings, must be deemed an especially strong expression of a permanent trait of human nature. Criticism today favors the view that the novel's chief value is that of a transcript of life; doubtless this is a high and legitimate function of the story—peculiarly within the province of realism. But O, my masters, let us not forget that amusement, when innocent and pure, the allurement of scene and personage far removed from the workaday world, the travels in the dim land of dreams, the landscapes and seascapes that never were on sea nor land—these, too, are dear to toil-worn thousands. And where such fiction does not falsify, but simply holds up ideals possible of realization in some better time and estate, it is very welcome.

The present taste, again, is sympathetic to the psychologic romance, although by no means is that manner of story so popular as the historical novel. Still, in the half-dozen best selling novels cited in the November *Bookman*, three, *The Reign of Law*, *The Master Christian* and *The Redemption of David Corson*, belong to this class. This novel of the inner life, with an environment of today and with tragic elements as like as not—though not commonly the sardonic tragedy of a Thomas Hardy—but finely emotionalized by the depiction of psychic crises and often dramatic in scene and personage, has plainly enough gained in popularity as a kind of protest against the doing nothing analytic novel familiar to us in the hands of Henry James. Mrs. Ward's

Eleanor, Mr. Barrie's Tommy and Grizel are cases in point, the one illustrating the lighter, the other the darker, elements of this modern subjective romance writing. A while ago Du Maurier's stories, notably Peter Ibbetson, touched latter-day Bohemianism with the pensive half-light of a true romancer and demonstrated to the world that romanticism is not a question of material, but of method and mood. Dark as well as light then is admitted into this psychologic novel, which means that the romantic movement is one of rebellion from the commonplace quite as much as from the sad.

The tales of homely and humble life, which present humanity in its lovable and (with no satiric sting) its laughable manifestations, have also come into their own of favor as part and parcel of this tendency. Maclaren and his group are the most familiar examples. In such stories the grave mingles with the gay and the work is wholesome. People are not unwilling to cry at times, if the cry have no bitterness in it and if it be counterchecked by a laugh.

So strong is the current now drawing writers towards romance that even those whose natural bent is realistic are moving romanceward. Thus Booth Tarkington, after making his successful bow with *The Gentleman from Indiana*, that capital piece of American realism, publishes *Monsieur Beaucaire*, absolutely romantic in intention, atmosphere and execution, and so different that one finds no trace of the same hand in it. Mr. Henry B. Fuller, after a couple of strong novels or native realism, reverts in his latest books—as in *The Last Refuge*—to the romanticism characterizing his first work. Miss Mary E. Wilkins announces an historical novel, she whose distinct reputation rests upon the New England sketches faithfully portraying the rural types she best knows. Miss Jewett, always an essential realist in the high and proper sense, will publish as an *Atlantic* serial a story, *The Tory Lover*, described as an "American historical romance." Even in so valiant a realist as Hamlin Garland I think I see a concession to the romantic in the picturesqueness of his convincing cowboy tale, *The Eagle's Heart*, which, while true to the types it studies, has no lack of story-stir. These things all have their meaning. I would go so far as to find a tendency to modify the hitherto grim drift and endings of novels fairly to be called realistic. A few years ago appeared *The Damnation of Theron Ware*, by the late Harold Frederic. It was a powerful, subtle and most unpleasant study of the degeneration of a clergyman. Now we have in Mr. Goss's *The Redemption of David Corson* a motive much the same, but emphasizing the regenerative possibilities of that particular situation. The same change can be marked in the late Charles Dudley Warner's admirable trilogy of American novels.

Whether, then, the fiction now so eagerly sought take the form of historical tale, psychologic story, humble pastoral, adventure, sequence or more cheerful

realistic sketch, it all has a family likeness—it all makes for romance; it is all reactionary from that stupid, gross realism preceding it and still, though in less degree, in evidence. I may add here that the stage is every year becoming a closer ally of romance fiction, novels, whether historical or modern, but of romantic quality, being dramatized almost simultaneously with their book appearance, and a lesson on heroics thereby taught to thousands who care little for reading, nay, to many who can scarcely read at all. It has thus been the business of the past decade to bring about a better state of affairs both in novel-writing and novel-reading—since the economic law of supply and demand is always at work here.

But does this turning to "the fair fields of old romance" mean a permanent gain to fiction? I answer paradoxically, yes and no. The desire for illusion, for the finer side of character and of event, is not a matter of a decade nor of the present year of grace; rather is it (thank heaven!) a constant human trait. But the somewhat indiscriminate devotion to romance in any guise and of whatever quality, which is at present apparent, is the abuse of a good thing, and will, I doubt not, bring another reaction toward, perhaps, unwelcome realism. In order that romance shall not be discredited, and shall continue to do the good it can do in the world, it behooves those of us who have a sobering sense of the immense possibilities of fiction for good or bad to encourage only the romantic writing that is worthy as art and true to the best in human nature—in short, sound in aesthetics and ethics. For even as all's not gold that glisters, so all's not true romance that swaggers in quaint doublets or excites the senses by dime novel adventures.

## Woman's Board Prayer Meeting

CONGREGATIONAL HOUSE, BOSTON, NOV. 30

The Thanksgiving echo lingered. Mrs. R. B. Grover presided. Mrs. Schneider, returning from a protracted summer absence, reported incidents in Aintab experiences as written by Dr. Fuller, and Mrs. Perry added others of interest from Sivas and vicinity.

Occasion for thanksgiving was recognized in the faithful support and aid which the officers receive from the busy women called and elected to serve upon the executive committee, giving much time and consideration to the many questions and problems presented to them; in the efficiency of branch officers, the helpfulness of those who direct the local societies and the work of the individuals who make up the whole constituency. Added to the company of those who serve at this end of the line is the list of noble women who have gone out to various fields, where variety of ability and acquisition finds full scope for activity.

Brief extracts were given from letters including encouraging facts. Miss Ely from Bitlis, Mrs. Reynolds from Van, Miss Foreman from Aintab and Miss Barbour from Biarritz send across the sea their cheering reports of advance and promise. Miss Atkinson also gave messages from Mrs. Browne of Harpoot, who during her stay in this country was so constant in attendance at the Friday meetings, as well as prompt to respond to solicitations from local societies; and from Miss Stillson of Zululand, whose plans for work in Johannesburg must charge their interruption to the war between the British and the Boers.

## The New Epoch for Faith

The Lowell Institute Lectures by Rev. Dr. George A. Gordon, Boston, Nov. 19, 22, 26

### THE ADVENT OF HUMANITY

The course opened with a decided hit, the wit, humor, wealth of allusion and freshness of illustration of the lecturer, as well as the anticipated largeness of theme and treatment, making it certain that the course would be popular as well as informing and inspiring, using popular in the best sense of the word. To have heard Dr. Gordon read Burns's poem, "A man's a man for a' that," for a' that," was of itself worth a long journey from a distant suburb.

The contention underlying the first lecture was that the nineteenth century had been one in which the doctrine of the worth of humanity had found fullest expression. Starting with the French Revolution and its *sequela*, he deftly differentiated between the interpretation of that event made by Burke and Carlyle, the latter succeeding where the former failed in penetrating to the secret that the revolution was not an economic or political, but a human uprising, an assertion by the masses of their rights. It stood for a feeling never better expressed in essence than in Burns's poem, "A man's a man for a' that."

In direct and indirect ways the literature of the century has aided humanity to a realization of its worth, and this both by the direct desire to do so on the part of the authors, and also by the cheapening and popularizing of the classics so that the humblest and poorest can have the world's best thought. But not only literature has thus acted. So have art, science and philosophy become the common possession of men, until of each of them it may be said that they sing the song to humanity that the angel sang to Joseph and Mary. "Be not afraid: for behold I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all the people." Socialism also, whatever else it may be, is a witness to the power of the spirit of humanity, and it has for its final motive, last impulse, sovereign property, the desire to lift up humanity.

Humanity, in turn, has shown marked power of assimilation of the great conceptions and hopes of the thinkers for it. This is demonstrated notably in the way in which the doctrine of evolution has been faced, seized and appropriated so that what was at first deemed as an enemy destructive of all the dignity and worth of humanity is now seen to be the most conclusive proof of its greatness, making the romance and wonder of the history of the race as such far more wonderful and romantic than that of any of its most famous individuals. The idea of humanity has captured the idea of evolution and turned it into a psalm of humanity. Man's denier has been made his chief confessor.

The missionary impulse of the Christian church, judged apart from the theological or sectarian issues involved, in its intellectual concept is one of the most stupendous and inspiring revelations of the passion of humanity for humanity. For think what it has for its underlying basis, namely, the thought that all men at least are possible members of the family of God, and brethren of Christ.

Lastly, but not least, the United States has been a profoundly influential factor in changing the ideals of the world during the century. Upon the splendid foundation of the Puritan theocracy and the Puritan theology, with their emphasis upon the Godward side of human life and duty, came the Declaration of Independence as a protest, and a complement and corrective of the theology of the past, emphasizing as it did in an original and vital way the essential worth of man. It is a document which may be read so as to make it the Bible of anarchy; but properly read it is not so. The Declaration and the organic law which followed it and crystallized its principles into forms of government have pro-

foundly shaped the course of European history, and will those of Asia in due time. Great Britain, slow as she may be to admit it, has been changed from a privileged aristocracy to a practical democracy chiefly through the influence of our example.

Dr. Gordon then proceeded to point out how hospitable we are as a people to new ideas and to the best thought of Europe long before it accepts the message of its seers, instancing Browning, Spencer, Carlyle and Matthew Arnold. He holds that our great Civil War in essence was a struggle between humanity and inhumanity, and that adequate treatment of it as such has not yet been given by any historian, the world patiently waiting for a man of genius and piety to come who shall see aright and fully its real issue, and turn "the drama into an epic to be recited down to the last sunset of recorded time." The separation of church and state here and the absolute toleration which prevails has made religion more natural with us than with any other people. What there is of religion here is honest, and rests on a foundation of humanity, human brotherhood and toleration.

### THE NEW APPRECIATION OF CHRISTIANITY

Building on the affirmation of the first lecture that there is a deeper consciousness of the value of humanity among men now, Dr. Gordon proceeded to point out how this new appreciation had influenced conceptions of and interpretations of Christianity. The gospel, as he conceives it and as he believes the best thought of the time now conceives it, is this fundamentally—"An ideal incarnation of God in the interest of a universal incarnation." "Christ was the utmost that God can do for mankind."

Today, however, men over-emphasize the universal incarnation and overlook the significance and meaning of the ideal incarnation in Christ. They are giving too much attention and thought relatively to the concept of universal incarnation which is seized upon and made to do duty for the whole truth. Which "substitution of the second for the first, the derivative for the original, the universal for the archetypal," he deprecates as unwarranted by the teaching of the New Testament, but understands to be due more to failure of insight rather than to irreverence. Being a limitation of insight and not a perversity of mood, it is sure to pass away. "It is not the whole truth to say that the incarnation is repeated in the life of every genuine discipline; but it is an essential part of the truth."

Dr. Gordon next proceeded to men to show how inevitable it was that God should reveal himself most clearly through man at his highest, and that conversely "God alone is understood through his highest product" man. "The ultimate character of the universe it is reasonable to suppose should be judged by its highest product."

Passing to a consideration of Christ's work as prophet, priest and king Dr. Gordon pointed out how vital a hold partial conceptions of the duty of imitation of Christ in these important spheres of being and doing had come to have in present day life even though for a time the universal implications of the unique work done by Christ had become obscured. "Christ as Prophet mediates the mind of God, as priest he mediates the heart of God, as king he mediates the moral power of God."

The first great note—the prophetic—of Christ's uniqueness is not recognized as it should be today. It is true that the mind of God is revealed to men by men for men, but Christ in a unique way was the revelation of the mind of God.

"The priesthood of Christ, the cost at which he did his work, the expense at which he ut-



tered his message, the suffering love that carried through ever increasing hostility and through death itself to its great goal is again missed in its special unique character; but as an illustration of the law of the spirit of life it has taken hold on the intelligence and heart of no generation as it has the present."

So of the kingdom of Christ. The moral law of the universe was revealed through him uniquely. But even though this is not recognized or conceded always, the fact remains that society today, because he lived, has a new idea of the inevitability of result in response to cause—evil or good, a new concept of the divine rulership of the universe using human instrumentalities to perfect his ends. "Behind the prophethood of humanity is the Eternal wisdom, behind the priesthood of humanity is the Infinite pity, behind the kingdom of humanity is the Absolute righteousness."

As in the first lecture, there were bits of character analysis—the Hebraism of Carlyle—that delighted, and bursts of moral passion, as when he described the proneness of men to pray God to be a partner in their supineness and cowardice. But the lecture as a whole was an appeal to the sustained power of thought of the most erudite and logical mind in the lecturer's presence, and dealt with the great doctrines of the gospel in a massive and vital way, reaching at times lofty planes of eloquence.

#### THE SACRAMENTAL CONCEPTION OF GOD AND THE UNIVERSE

If any came to this lecture expecting that it was to be a philippic against "sacramentalism," they were disappointed. Only a phrase or two at the last expressed the scorn of the speaker for the thing which usually goes by that name. He traveled in higher and sener planes of thought and his hearers were instantly taken into the realms of nature and everyday life and shown how in the true sense of the word the senses—sight, touch, taste and smell—are sacraments between the human reason and the infinite; how all the fine arts and human institutions, like marriage, business and the social order, are sacramental.

These contentions, phrased with beauty of imagery and revealing depth of feeling, led up to the exposition of the higher conception of the universe itself as a sacrament or divinely significant sign of God—a conception to which the faith of today is more and more coming.

Men have this conception even if they cannot prove it, and they state their belief in such a conception in some such terms as these: God is revealed to man as friend is revealed to friend. First there is the stage of trust, second the stage of sympathy by which knowledge deepens and a new assurance comes, third there is the stage of co-operation and concurrence of will. So between man and God there first is the stage of trust; second there is the stage of sympathy. Into the deep of the divine nature the believer's sympathy plays, and God in return flows in on man as with a tidal wave bringing deeper knowledge of himself. Lastly, man does the will of God, co-operates with him, the deed which expresses an obedient and concurrent will being the final attestation of belief in the reality of God, concurrence of wills in pursuit of a common ideal being the last proof of assurance of reality. "Trust completes itself in sympathy, and sympathy consummates itself in service."

To the Christian the sacramental conception of life gains special enforcement and meaning and a completer view of the truth by the Lord's Supper, the Bible, the church and Jesus Christ. The Lord's Supper reminds men of the sacramental character of the sphere of sense. The Bible represents the life of God in the life of man, and recalls to faith the sacramental character of all the fine arts, especially all literature. The church's special value consists in its vocation as a witness to

the sacramental character of human institutions. The uniqueness of Jesus is that he is a living sacrament of the invisible God. He was God's great sacrament in the supreme man. And Christianity calls for the imitation of Christ, for the continuous incarnation of God, for the expression, through the personal life, of the justice and the mercy that are at the heart of the universe.

Following are some of the *obiter dicta* that fell by the way:

"The falling apple was the sacrament through which Newton passed to his great and valid insight; the falling sparrow became to Jesus the sacrament of divine providence."

"Art is not art unless it is the servant of the full meaning of life, the utterance under some aspect of the ideal. Immoral art is a contradiction; that which is base and which calls itself by the holy name of art is excommunicated by philosophic criticism."

"The Roman Catholic Church is right in its insistence upon the sacramental character of marriage. If the words of love unto death at the marriage altar are not sacramental, nothing is."

### Pencilings

BY A PERIPATETIC

These are days when the relative place of Macaulay as an historian is in dispute. You read Prof. H. Morse Stephens's counsel upon reading works of history or hear him in his admirable course of lectures on British Administration in India, now being given at the Lowell Institute in Boston, and you gain the impression that not only was Macaulay an inferior sort of historian, but that he had a positively vicious influence, inasmuch as, by his partisanship and his baneful brilliancy and power as a stylist, he created a popular misconception of men and epochs—Warren Hastings, for instance—which cannot be eradicated by the more accurate and dispassionate historians of today, do what they will.

You read Charles Francis Adams's recent address on the Sifted Grain and the Grain Sifters, delivered at the dedication of the new building of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, and, while you find him pleading for a return of historians who are stylists, you find him condemning Macaulay severely, not only because of his partisanship, but because he lacked literary form, although he had style. That is to say, Mr. Adams contends, style is not the whole, or even the greatest part, of literary form, style being the mere drapery of presentation, the "entire scheme, the proportion of the several parts to the whole and to each other and the grouping and presentation, the background and accessories constituting the form around which the drapery of style is placed."

And yet, after all this and much more like it is said about Macaulay's partisanship, his brilliant inaccuracies and lack of perspective, the fact remains that he is read and will be read for his English long years after his just critics have been forgotten. It was interesting to hear Senator Hoar, venerable and honored alumnus of Harvard University, address the present day under-graduates of his *alma mater* the other evening and, among other counsels, hear him say that he hoped they read Macaulay, despite Matthew Arnold's advice to the contrary. Of course a great partisan naturally takes to a great partisan.

When Harvard in 1899 decided to reinstate academic worth as something which the university was proud to recognize formally she did one of the wisest deeds of her recent history. Too long athletic prowess and social standing had been deified, and it was time that the university once more publicly honored its scholars of high standing and its superior orators and writers. Each year hereafter, therefore, the scholars are to receive

publicly the award of prizes and are to be addressed by competent spokesmen from among the alumni on themes pertaining to the life of scholars or their duties to society.

It must be admitted that neither students nor professors as yet attend the function in such numbers as indicate that learning is more esteemed than muscular development. But that may come in time.

It is not rash, I think, to predict that the effect of the restoration of the scholar to his proper place in the university will have a wholesome effect on the literature of the country in the future. One has only to look over the list of men who won the Bowdoin prizes for dissertations in English at Harvard during the first half of this century to see how often the promise of university days was fulfilled in the productions of mature life. And in those days the scholar and not the athlete was the highly esteemed and idolized man of the university. Publicly honor the stylist or the eloquent man as he wins his academic victories and you stimulate him to constancy to his ideals after he leaves the university.

This year the function had added distinction because of the presence of Senator Hoar, who from his long experience in public life, his intimate acquaintance with the great orators of this country and other lands and long study of the methods of orators, classic and modern, was able to give to his brethren wise counsel as to courses of reading, styles of oratory, and ideals and methods of public service to be put in practice by educated men. Incidentally he revealed what his own course of training for his life work had been; and lavishly poured out that knowledge of the best literature, classic and modern, which makes him more like some of the British publicists than any of the men now prominent in our public life. I must confess, however, after reading his amazing eulogy of Wordsworth as the fount of all political wisdom, and his misrepresentation of Browning, whom he makes a foil of darkness against which to paint the chasteness of Wordsworth, which interesting bit of literary criticism is to be found in the November *International Monthly* at the conclusion of an article defending party government in the United States, I have lost my confidence somewhat in the infallibility of Senator Hoar's scholarship and literary taste and discrimination.

### Interest in Bible Study

The suggestion made by the American Institute of Sacred Literature for the observance of a Bible Study Sunday in September has resulted up to date in the organization of 350 classes, including about 7,500 persons in churches of several denominations. In Congregational churches the number of students enrolled is 1,893. The smallest club contains three members, the largest 184. Among the classes whose membership is over fifty are those under the leadership of Rev. T. S. Hunnewell, Reading, Mass., 55 members; Rev. A. Z. Conrad, Worcester, Mass., 184; Rev. C. S. Mills, Cleveland, O., 133; Rev. C. W. Huntington, Lowell, Mass., 55; Rev. G. E. Henshaw, Little Valley, N. Y., 56; Rev. Clarence T. Brown, Salt Lake City, Utah, 112; Rev. J. W. Sutherland, Wauwatosa, Io., 55. A number of other churches come very near to the number, but the average membership of a class is about fifteen.

Bishop Niles of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of New Hampshire, in addressing that body last week, referred to the late Roman Catholic priest and vicar-general, Rev. John Barry of Concord, as living a life as beautifully and consistently like that of the Saviour as any minister's life he had ever seen or known.

## Chaucer and Modern Life\*

By Alfred Cope Garrett, Ph. D.

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There is never a lack of anniversaries; we have centennials and semi-centennials and bi-centennials; but to celebrate the day of one who has been dead for half a thousand years is seldom our lot. It was just 500 years ago the 25th of last October since Chaucer died in his little garden-house at Westminster, close to where Henry VII.'s chapel later arose.

He was no great prophet or liberator, yet his fame still lasts. His is simply the fame of a genial soul; but of a soul which was able to put its geniality into imperishable forms of art. He solves no hard problems for us, unless by accident; he leaves us few lessons; he is simply a quiet, unassuming man of the world, with exceptional powers of observation and utterance, who seasons all that he says with his sly humor and gentle motions. He chats to us of his own far-away day, and we feel its charm; we are lured onward as by soft laughter; we find in the heart of the man everywhere the very cream of human kindness.

Yet there is ever an artistic greatness about all his littleness and familiarity, which for the first time showed the whole world that the "nook-shotten isle of Albion" contained stuff for the greatest literature. And even today, for insight into human character, for broad sympathy with human differences, for portrayal of personality and action in verse, we must place Chaucer in the same category with Shakespeare, and next to him.

Chaucer's life experiences were exceedingly varied, and the versatility of sym-

pathy and interests which resulted appears in his works. They are almost an epitome of the entertainments of his day. Ask one's self what is the best thing he wrote, and there are a dozen answers. Doubtless the Prologue to the Canterbury Tales will always poll the largest plurality of votes. Though "it does not employ the poet's superlative gift of story-telling, yet it is the best of all transcripts of mediæval life, and it carries through it a thread of subtle

pects of mediæval life and puts them into indestructible forms.

What is Chaucer to us now? If he be one of the ever-living poets, whose fame is capable of perpetual renovation, in what sense is he so to the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, and why is it renewed in these present days? His direct religious value, it may be said, is slight. A sane and wholesome nature led him to satirize and unmask some of the religious abuses of his day, and thus his works un-

doubtedly contributed to the cause of Protestantism in the sixteenth century, but he always satirized with moderation, being himself a devout Catholic of the fourteenth century.

To us he must rather stand for toleration and charity, for reverence in the presence of whatsoever things are lovely and of good report, for reserve in the expression of one's inner life, for deep devoutness when the words of religion are taken upon the lips, but, above all, for cheeriness of life, healthfulness of mind, "mirth rather than joy," as Bacon puts it. No one, however, can miss the inspiration of the glorious Invocation to the Virgin, which opens The Second Nounes Tale, while the same feeling pervades that gem of saints' legends, The Prioresses Tale. Indeed, all of the Tales which embody or resemble such legends are pervaded by a kind of sweet, tense devoutness, which rightly belongs to them in the mouths of their true believers. Nor should any fail to add to his treasury of noble thought the two ballads, Truth and Gentilesse. In them we find the ethical soundness and moral exaltation which

is based on faith in Christ himself. The thought of the latter is found condensed in the well-known lines from the Wife of Bath's Tale, with their strong leaning towards democratic Christianity:

Loke who that is most vertuous alway,  
Privee and apert, and most entendeth ay  
To do the gentil dedes that he can,  
And tak him for the grettest gentil man,  
Crist wol we clayme of him our gentillesse,  
Nat of our eldres for hir old richesse.

In controversy of the sixteenth century, and in loose scholarship long since, Chaucer was held to be a follower of Wiclif, because of some of his satire on the religious classes. This was much too partisan a claim. His strictures are but a



A page from the Kelmscott Chaucer, size of original 15½ by 10½ inches.

satire which is, perhaps, the rarest, gentlest, sweetest, in any language. But to obtain any adequate idea of Chaucer's genius one must read, perhaps, a score of his best poems and tales.

Chaucer's works are a summary of the literature preceding him. Here is allegory, dream, saint's legend, satire, beast-fable, Breton lay, French *fabliau*, Italian love epic and novelette. Just as Dante summed up the serious and exalted elements of the middle ages as they were coming to an end—their theology, philosophy, mysticism, allegory—so Chaucer, as they were passing away, sums up the brighter, briefer and more entertaining as-

\*The illustrations accompanying Mr. Garrett's article are reproduced from what is considered the most interesting and valuable modern edition of Chaucer's works—that issued by William Morris from the Kelmscott Press. The illustrations for this edition were designed and drawn by Sir Edward Burne-Jones, and the volume is the most famous of the output of this famous establishment.





mild reflex of sentiments widely prevalent then, softened by art and a warm humanism till they are essentially free from partisanship. Indeed, some of his phrases about Monk and Frere in The Prologue might well seem to the controversialist no better than connivance at vice. But that is no proof that they were so intended. Even for the Frere, who belonged to the decadent order most in question then, Chaucer has satire so veiled in courteous phrase and skillful double meaning that it is impossible to fasten on the poet any very pronounced hostility. He seems to endeavor to dwell on the virtues of these people, to see only the better side and to turn even some faults into virtues, with only a sly glance or two at darker aspects of them.

But it is the Parson, as drawn in this Prologue, that forever rescues Chaucer from the imputation of indifference to true religion. Is there a minister today who might not find suggestions for the practice of his calling in this poor parson of five hundred years ago? To paraphrase some of the description: This man of God is deep in sound scholarship, and yet rich in his own original thought; though a scholar, he is no recluse, but is overflowing with a wealth of kind and holy deeds—trudging for miles through rain and storm to visit poor or rich in their illnesses and misfortunes, himself poor nigh to starvation because he gives to his needy flock, instead of excommunicating them for failure to support him; he has long been proved to be gentle and patient amid his own worst hardships. His theory of service is first to do the kind deed, and afterward to teach the truth. His teaching is not from glossing commentaries, but is the direct gospel of the Saviour. To sinners he is never harsh or disdainful, but to the recalcitrant, high or low, he will deal cutting rebukes when need at the moment requires. The allurements which draw men to his services are his discreetness, his fair dealing, his benignity and purity of life; no refinements of theology, philosophy or dialectics—

But Cristes love, and his apostles twelve  
He taughte, and first he folwed it himselfe.

If Chaucer's religion, then, is not a prominent point in his value to the pres-

ent day, what are some of the leading traits for which men love him still? I think it was Mr. Charles Eliot Norton who said that Chaucer's age was the age of simplicity, Shakespeare's the age of complexity, and Browning's the age of perplexity. Does not that suggest the inner reason of modern love for Chaucer? It is the charm of relief, the pleasure of getting back and resting in simpler conditions, when, as it seems to us, life was easier and everybody had time to be merry, that makes us seek out Chaucer's pages still. This was the very gist of the inspiration that his works gave William Morris:

A blisful lyf, a paisible and a swete,  
Ledden the peples in the former age.

I called this the inner reason—present, perhaps, in many readers without being perceived. To most people it is the quaintness and *naïveté* of the old poet that lures them on. Scholars tell us that this too is fallacy. Chaucer's English was not quaint to him; it was his everyday talk; and as for *naïveté*, for a man of such intricate knowledge of the world, of court and city and foreign land, of the vices and virtues "all and some," that is the last term to use of him. But the usual

reader will not be disturbed by this information; to him Chaucer is forever quaint, and the farther we recede from Chaucer's age, language and thought, the quainter will they seem to us. Yet even with such deductions in behalf of truth, it may be conceded that that day of merry doings had a certain genius for whimsical phrases, and, further, that Chaucer, as best man of the day, unquestionably had, if not *naïveté*, a masterly simulation of it, a rare and acute (that is, "cute") way of putting things which gives incessant spice and permanence to his work.

Another source of joy in reading Chaucer is the amount of springtime in him. The impression prevails that spring poetry was not overdone in those days, but was something rather new, and that Chaucer is the one real spring poet. People read the opening of the Prologue, and are so delighted that they sit down to consider it, and never read far beyond. But the Canterbury Tales contain few such passages; and what the Minor Poems have is largely based on conventional foreign models. Such poetry of spring had long been a convention of continental literature—Italian Old French and Latin—even for centuries before. Chaucer took it up, improved whatever he touched, and so made it current in England for the first time. As we read some of these descriptions we may be catching glimpses of the world a thousand years ago, touched up by Chaucer's master hand meanwhile, and made delightful for all time.

The bisy larkë, messenger of day,  
Salueth in hir song the mornë gray,  
And fyry Phebus riseth up so brightë,  
That al the orient laugheth of his lightë,  
And with his stremës dryeth in the greves  
The silver dropës honging on the leves.

Here is bubbling music, moisture, mist, radiance, laughter and jeweled water-drops—a passage where sweets compacted lie, the essence of poetry in dense distillation. But no one who reads on through his description of the "grisly Temple of Mars in Trace," and yet farther to the fierce and vivid tournament scene, will ever long think of Chaucer as a mere spring poet.

To forget a wrong is the best revenge.  
—English Proverb.



## The Home and Its Outlook

### In Praise of Biography

Interest in biographies is of two kinds. There are persons who have an unhealthy curiosity to know the private life of great men and women, and whose love of gossip is satisfied by details concerning the habits of celebrities. But there is a larger and more earnest class who read biographies with a worthier human interest, who go to them for inspiration and friendship, and who choose to study history through the lives of the men who made it. Young people in their teens and twenties can have no more wholesome reading, and we were pleased with the advice of Miss Dorothea Klumpke, the famous astronomer at Paris, to Wellesley girls at the dedication of their new observatory: "During your leisure hours I pray you read the biographies of the patient toilers of all ages. You will then realize that integrity, thoroughness, accuracy, faithfulness, patience—these unseen things which complete a soul—are woven into it by work." In line with these words is Jowett's saying that in the future morals will be taught by the use of biographies as text-books. An example is infinitely better than a sermon, for we feel that "what a man has done, that a man can do."

### "When All the World Is Young"

Modern students of child nature are teaching us to guide a child's reading according to the stages in his mental development. For instance, they tell us there is a time when the sense of humor is strongest; and a period when the youthful mind revels in rhyme and rhythm, and another when it demands tales of imagination. Certain it is that there are books which ought to be read for the first time in childhood, growing up without which the child has missed his heritage. We know persons who have reached adult life without having read *The Pilgrim's Progress* or *Robinson Crusoe*. Their loss is simply irreparable. The allegory of Bunyan may be better understood, and the English of De Foe better appreciated by mature minds, but they have lost childhood's power of complete surrender to a story; and they can never read these great books with the simplicity and faith of the child heart. The same is true of *The Arabian Nights*, *The Alhambra* and many other legendary tales. Take, too, such a book as *Alice in Wonderland*. Its nonsense is irresistible to a child, while it may seem an incoherent and senseless jumble to an adult who reads it for the first time. With parents and teachers rests the responsibility of placing these classics in the hands of their boys and girls before it is too late.

### The Bible Still Studied

Last May *The Century* published an article by President Thwing revealing a shocking ignorance of the Bible among college students. A class of men and another of women were asked to explain the Scriptural allusions in a set of twenty-two quotations from Tennyson. Miss Briggs, a teacher in Hampton Institute, well-known among our readers, was con-

vinced when she read the results that her class could do better than the college men and she proceeded to test them with the same examination. The result is given in detail in the December *Century*. The Hampton class of Negro men and women included two Indians. The parents of thirty-four out of the total thirty-eight were born in slavery. Not one of the students could enter college without three years of further study. They had, however, received systematic instruction in Old Testament history as part of their academic course. How did they compare with the college Freshmen known to President Thwing? Out of 836 possible answers, 645 were given correctly. While the college men averaged 43 per cent. and the college women 49 per cent. of correct answers, the Hampton students averaged 77 per cent. A host of questions and comments are suggested by this comparison, but one inference has such a direct bearing upon the home and the responsibilities of parents that we wish to quote it in the words of Miss Briggs herself: "If young people with much less than ordinary early training can do so well after a brief systematic course of instruction in the day school, it would certainly seem that there must be weakness in the home instruction given to the children of some educated Christian families."

### The Mothers of the Poets

BY ISAAC OGDEN RANKIN

No asset of the nation is so valuable as motherhood, no love so pure and dear as mother love, no memory more blessed in influence and delight than the memory of childhood and the tender, ever present care that made its joy and comfort night and day. "Unhappy is the man," says Jean Paul Richter, "for whom his own mother has not made all other mothers venerable." In its last analysis, that reverence for womanhood which is the highest ideal of Anglo-American civilization grows out of reverence for mother-love—the woman's portion of the high and blessed gifts of life.

To the poets, whose office it is to interpret to us our own thoughts, our hopes and fears, our ideals and instincts, we turn—to wonder first at the small part which this great underlying affection seems to play in their verse. There are pictures of motherhood, but they are far outnumbered by visions of maidenhood. The songs are courting songs or bridal songs, ornaments of the gateway to that fatherhood and motherhood by which men and women come to be the highest servants of the world's needs and the best interpreters of God.

Yet when the poet needs a picture of the deepest and most unselfish love of which humanity is capable, it is to motherhood that he returns. Is it the extreme grief? The Psalmist bows himself "as one that mourneth for his mother." Is it comfort? The prophet brings God's promise to stricken Israel: "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you." Is it tears for sorrow? Shakespeare makes the grizzled warrior

picturing death upon the battlefield exclaim:

But all my mother came into my eyes  
And gave me up to tears.

Is it the earthly vision of holiness? Coleridge, in the face of a wicked mother's cruelty, yet declares:

A mother is a mother still,  
The holiest thing alive.

Is it the shaping of the man child's life that makes him fit companion for the wife that is to be? Tennyson draws the picture:

Yet there was one—I loved—  
Not learned, save in gracious household ways,  
Not perfect, nay, but full of tender wants,  
No angel, but a dearer being, all dipped  
In angel instincts, breathing paradise,  
Interpreter between the gods and men,  
Who looked all native to her sphere, and yet  
On tiptoe seemed to touch upon a sphere  
Too gross to tread, and all male minds perforce  
Swayed to her from their orbits as they moved,  
And girdled her with music. Happy he  
With such a mother! Faith in womanhood  
Beats with his blood, and trust in all things  
high  
Comes easy to him, and tho' he trip and fall  
He shall not blind himself with clay.

Not so common as these instinctive, but reserved and impersonal, tributes of the poets to motherhood are the passages in which they have paid tribute each to his own—the child memory in man or woman making acknowledgment of a lost devotion, more precious because it cannot be repaid. But this is, for the most part, modern. Pope, indeed, in his apology, prefixed to the satires, tells of his ambition:

Me let the tender office long engage  
To rock the cradle of reposing age,  
With lenient arts extend a mother's breath  
Make languor smile, and smooth the bed of death;  
Explore the thought, explain the asking eye,  
And keep awhile one parent from the sky!

It is his contemporary, Cowper, however, who first strikes the note of personal recollection and longing which becomes common in our own age. The theme is the picture of his mother, given him in his troubled manhood. The poem is far too long and too familiar to quote, but every reader of it will recall the tender recollections of a long-missed kindness, the hope that almost is a faith in the unseen presence and tendance of the dead. In that world of domesticities in which the poet lived, and which he pictured with unrivaled delicacy and grace, there are no more beautiful delineations than these of the loving mother and the simple-hearted child. As the dark frame brightens the lights of the picture, as the home light through some uncurtained window on a murky evening glows, these recollections stand out clear behind the long dark years of sorrow and of parting.

In quite another key the German poet, Heine, singer of unquiet loves and human inconsistencies, addresses his mother. The tone is grave, the form that of the sonnet, which lends itself to reverent thought. Here are the words, in the translation of Frances Hellman:

I have been wont my head to carry high,  
My will has been my law in everything:  
If opposite to me there stood a king



I would not timidly avert mine eye.  
But, Mother dear, I'll tell thee openly:  
However haughtily my soul may swell,  
When in thy presence sweet and dear I  
dwell  
A trembling diffidence comes over me.

Am I subdued by thy great spirit's might,  
Thy pure, keen soul that fathoms all aright,  
And flashing forth, soars up to heaven's light?  
Do recollections rise to torture me—  
The many deeds with which I grievously  
Thy dear heart pained that so hath loved  
me?

In frenzy wild I once deserted thee:  
The wish to know the whole world filled my  
mind.

I longed to see if love I there could find—  
That love I might encompass lovingly.  
I sought love in all the streets, at every gate,  
In suppliance outstretched I held my palms,  
And begged for just a little of love's alms—  
Yet still I sought in vain for love: again  
My endless search resumed. But yet in  
vain.

Then homeward turned I, sick with troubled  
thought.

But there, to bid me welcome, thou wert  
nigh.

And lo! what saw I shining in thine eye?  
That was the sweet love I so long had sought.

Very different from this, bringing in  
that happy companionship between a  
mother and her daughter, so common in  
our life, are the words of Christina Ros-  
setti. These also are cast in sonnet form,  
and are prefixed to the poet's volume of  
completed verse. In them the strength  
of womanhood, used nobly in the service  
of the world through the poetic art, finds  
inspiration still at the gray mother's side.

Sonnets are full of love, and this my tome  
Has many sonnets: so here now shall be  
One sonnet more, a love sonnet, from me  
To her whose heart is my heart's quiet home,  
To my first Love, my Mother, on whose knee  
I learned love-lore that is not troublesome;  
Whose service is my special dignity,  
And she my loadstar while I go and come.

And so because you love me, and because  
I love you, Mother, I have woven a wreath  
Of rhymes wherewith to crown your ho ored  
name:

In you not fourscore years can dim the flame  
Of love, whose blessed glow transcends the  
laws

Of time and change and mortal life and death.

It is by way of dedication, also, that  
Kipling, in an expression of tenderness  
rather unusual with him, gives us his  
thought of mother love together with his  
tribute to his own mother. The book  
dedicated is *The Light that Failed*, and  
these are the verses, surcharged with an  
intensity of feeling quite above the aver-  
age of our poetic examples:

If I were hanged on the highest hill,  
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!  
I know whose love would follow me still,  
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!

If I were drowned in the deepest sea,  
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!  
I know whose tears would come down to me,  
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!

If I were damned of body and soul,  
I know whose prayers would make me whole,  
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!

The other experience, that of the wan-  
dering son whose mother follows from  
her still home his travel and his triumphs,  
is voiced by Stevenson—wide wanderer  
and most loving son. To his thought,  
here and elsewhere, the mother's work  
and glory is the shaping of her child.

It is not yours, O mother, to complain,  
Not, mother, yours to weep,  
Though nevermore your son again  
Shall to your bosom p,

Though nevermore again you watch your  
baby sleep.

Though as all passes, day and night,  
The seasons and the years,  
From, you, O mother, this delight,  
This also disappears,  
Some profit yet survives of all your pangs and  
tears.

The child, the seed, the grain of corn,  
The acorn on the hill,  
Each for some separate end is born  
In season fit, and still  
Each must in strength arise to work the Al-  
mighty will.

And as the fervent smith of yore  
Beat out the glowing blade,  
Nor wielded in the front of war  
The weapons that he made,  
But in the tower at home still plied his ring-  
ing trade;

So like a sword the son shall roam  
On nobler missions sent:  
And as the smith remained at home  
In peaceful turret pent,  
So sits the while at home the mother well  
content.

Turning now to our own Anglo-Amer-  
ican literature, pure longing recollection  
of mother love and childhood's happiness  
breathes in the lines of Washington  
Alston, painter and poet:

Ah, then, how sweetly closed those crowded  
days,  
The minutes parting one by one like rays  
That fade upon a summer eve.  
But O, what charm or magic numbers  
Can give me back the gentle slumbers  
Those weary, happy days did leave?  
When by my bed I saw my mother kneel  
And with her blessing took her nightly kiss;  
Whatever time destroys he cannot this:  
E'en now that nameless kiss I feel.

The thought of mother love in its re-  
covered strength through the new birth  
into the eternal life is yet more clearly  
voiced by one of our poets of the West,  
Eugene Field. Love remembered was  
too perfect not to be immortal, and a  
mother, even in heaven, could never forget  
her motherhood in thinking of her boy.

How you have loved me, mother,  
I have not power to tell,  
Knowing full well  
That even in the rest above  
It is your will  
To watch and guard me with your love,  
Loving me still.  
And, as of old, my mother,  
I am content to be a child,  
By mother's love beguiled  
From all these other charms,  
So to the last  
Within thy dear, protecting arms,  
Hold thou me fast,  
My guardian-angel, mother!

So the notes repeat themselves with the  
varying individuality, experience and  
power of expression of the poets. In  
volume they are small, indeed, beside the  
wide and often turbid river of song that  
treats of youthful love and sorrow. But  
it is limpid and melodious, like a moun-  
tain brook, clear in its shadowed pools of  
sober thought as in its singing falls that  
glisten in the sun of joy. How large a  
part does unreturned and cheated love  
play in the lover's singing! But here if  
men sing little it is because they feel so  
much, and the note of vanished confi-  
dence, of pessimism and despair and of  
bitter, angry pain is wholly wanting. We  
are sure of little in this changing and  
fantastic world; but laid away in the  
heart's treasury of most of us, as the  
standard of constancy and of ideal un-  
selfishness, is the thought of love our  
mothers gave and still shall give while  
consciousness endures.

## Closet and Altar

*Our soul hath waited for the Lord: he  
is our help and our shield.*

This is the sum and substance of our  
Christian faith and Christian life! We  
believe that the free grace and mercy of  
God has come to the help of poor man,  
vainly struggling to free himself from  
sin and evil; and this great and all-suffi-  
cient divine Help is Jesus Christ.—*Theo-  
dore Christlieb.*

When men ask us what we believe, our  
answer should be: "It is not what I be-  
lieve, but it is in Whom I believe." "I  
know Whom I have believed."—*H. W.  
Webb-Peploe.*

How often we would like to dictate to  
our Heavenly Father, choosing the meth-  
ods of his aid! And how miserably we  
should fail if he allowed us to put our  
hands upon the reins of power! His help  
is both intelligent and far-reaching. It  
has regard to growth as well as present  
need. Sometimes he supplies a prop,  
that we may not slip and fall. Some-  
times he takes away a prop, that we may  
learn to stand and walk. But however  
little we may understand its working, it  
is always the highest intelligence in the  
service of the most perfect love.—*I. O. R.*

It is more absurd to trust God by halves  
than it is not to believe in him at all.—  
*George Macdonald.*

Hasten, Lord, to my release,  
Haste to help me, O my God!  
Foes like armed bands increase;  
Turn them back the way they trod.  
Dark temptations round me press,  
Evil thoughts my soul assail;  
Doubts and fears, in my distress,  
Rise, till flesh and spirit fail.

Those that seek thee shall rejoice:  
I am bowed with misery;  
Yet I make thy law my choice,  
Turn, my God, and look on me.  
Thou mine only Helper art,  
My Redeemer from the grave;  
Strength of my desiring heart,  
Do not tarry, haste to save!

—*James Montgomery.*

O Father of lights and Giver of all  
perfect gifts, we beseech thee to give  
all things that are good for us, even  
such things as we have not yet learned  
to acknowledge and desire as good;  
but above all give us thyself, who art  
the eternal and highest Good of all  
thy creatures. O Lord Jesus Christ,  
be thou now and evermore, by thy  
deliverance from all sin, our mighty  
Helper; by thy word of wisdom, our  
Master and Teacher; and by thy spir-  
itual advent, our ever-present Eman-  
uel and our living Saviour. Trans-  
form our hearts into thine image  
of gentleness and humility; and let  
us ever bear thee and thy love to  
us in mind. O Holy Spirit, lighten  
our darkness, purify our impurity,  
strengthen our weakness, comfort us  
in sorrow. Be our Interpreter in the  
study of thy Word, our Counselor  
in doubt, our Leader in uncertainty,  
our Help at need, our Life in death,  
our Guide and unfailing Companion  
to our true home with God in heaven.  
Amen.

## The New Literature of Nature

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Some one has divided mankind into two classes—those who observe and those

tions of butterflies and beetles. Mother reads bird books and starts a mushroom club. Ladies on the veranda read Gibson's "Strolls by Starlight and Sunshine," or his beautiful "Sharp Eyes," along with the latest novel. Everybody's trunk contains popular guide-books, like Mrs. Dana's "How to Know the Wild Flowers," and Mrs.

tractive special field of botany, few people know anything whatever about them.

One of our best writers is F. Schuyler Matthews. His "Familiar Life in Field and For-



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who do not. Mr. Burroughs was once walking with a friend, to whom he pointed out numerous birds' nests. "Why is it that I cannot see any of these for myself?" said the friend.

"Because," was the answer, "I am looking for them and have trained my eyes to see them."

Mr. Gibson says that most people are a "thoughtless host, to whom Nature is a closed book, not only unopened, but with leaves uncut."

These men were pioneers in the good

Doubleday's (Neltje Blanchan) "Nature's Garden." The publishers have conspired with authors to put this literature before the public in the most attractive form, paper, print, illustrations all artistic. Indeed, after Mr. Gibson's graceful pencil, it is impossible for poor work to meet with favor. He set for us all a very high standard.

Take the recent books on ferns alone. There are "Ferns of the Upper Susquehanna" by Willard N. Clute; "Fern Flora of Canada" by George Lawson; "The Ferns and Fern-Allies of New England" by Raynal Dodge; "A Fern Book for Everybody" by M. C. Cook; "Ferns in their Homes and Ours" by John Robinson; "The Fern Collector's Handbook" by Miss Price.

Two notable books by Prof. John M. Coulter, of the University of Chicago, mark an important epoch in text-book making. They bid fair to revolutionize methods of study in our schools and classes, based as they are upon field and laboratory work. They are beautifully illustrated.

The best book on trees since Apgar's "Trees of the Northern United States" is "Our Native Trees, and How to Know Them," by Harriet L. Keeler. There are 340 illustrations in this book, some of them taken from photographs. The literary value of the work is in keeping. We hope the day will come when it will be a positive disgrace to be ignorant of our common native trees.

How many persons know the flowers of trees, some of them as pretty as orchids? A gentleman going into a county fair plucked some pods of the common locust tree, and entered them as transplanted California beans. They were awarded a prize, which, however, the exhibitor did not venture to claim. As to shrubs, than which there is no more at-

Ernest Seton-Thompson is becoming almost a household word, with his biographies of grizzly bears, stories about rabbits, etc. He is a lover of animals, and his mission is to convert thoughtless boys who torment cats and stone birds into these small animals' protectors.

J. E. Taylor has written two excellent works, "Naturalist's Rambles about Home," and "The Playtime Naturalist."

Frank M. Chapman is the author of "Bird-Life," a Guide to the Study of our Common Birds, with seventy-five illustrations by Ernest Seton-Thompson. Mr. Chapman is authority on that subject, and he does not shoot the birds in order



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BLUEBIRD, THREE WEEKS OLD

work of opening eyes, and they have been followed by a long and worthy list of writers, specialists, in every department of Nature. That there is an extraordinary demand for such books speaks well for this age of "materialism and machinery." We cannot be wholly sordid, devoted to money-making and dress-making. Schools, from the kindergartens up, are teaching facts about flowers and birds, the living languages beside the dead.

Doubtless the revival of outdoor sports has had much to do with this desirable state of things. Golf, tennis, bicycling, amateur photography, the short walking dresses and shirt waists, with increasing summer vacations and outings for everybody—these have tempted us into the country, the woods and the fields. Once inoculated with the genuine love of Nature, once on bowing terms with plants, animals, birds and insects, our own life can never again be tame or lacking in inspiration. So we see small boys dredging shallow waters for curious specimens of pond life, while their sisters make collec-



From Our Native Trees.

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FLOWERING DOGWOOD



to study them. A previous book of his is "Bird Studies with a Camera," illustrated with more than 100 photographs of living birds.

"Bird Homes," by A. R. Dugmore, tells us about nests and eggs. "Animal Life," by David S. Jordan, with "Squirrels and other Fur-bearers," by John Burroughs, must be given a place and a big place in our library. Houghton, Mifflin & Co. are bringing out a work devoted to Woodpeckers alone. "Birds of My Parish" is one more, written for popular reading, by a lover of birds. "Ways of Wood Folk" and "Wilderness Ways," by William J. Long, a Congregational minister, is written by a man who can watch a herd of deer approach him "with small wish to use a rifle, as there was meat enough in the camp." Would there were more like him.

Prof. Lucien M. Underwood of Columbia University has brought out a book most welcome to students of the humbler orders of plant life, "Moulds, Mildews and Mushrooms." The latest work on mushrooms, a book bearing on the face of it enormous research, is Charles MacIlvaine's "One Thousand American Fungi." The author claims to have eaten several hundred mushrooms, and he speaks from experience of those which are edible. Unfortunately, the paper used by the printers is too heavy and the book is bulky. No adequate work has yet appeared on mosses. Mrs. Britton has such a work in preparation, and

when that is issued we may study our favorites as easily as now our ferns.

Even fish has its literature. "Familiar Fish, Their Habits and Capture," by Eugene McCarthy, is welcome to all lovers of the piscatorial art. "Insect Life," by John Henry Comstock, meets a distinct want in that direction. The wood engravings are good.

Besides the new Nature departments in magazines, as *St. Nicholas*, there are now many magazines devoted exclusively to outdoor subjects. Such are *The Fern Bulletin*, a valuable quarterly, *The Plant World*, *Popular Science*, *The Forester*, *The Osprey*, *The Condor*, *Bird Lore*, the latter a beautiful publication edited by Frank M. Chapman and Mabel Osgood Wright. Such writers as Bradford Torrey, Mrs. Miller, Miss Merriam, Dr. van Dyke, Annie Trumbull Slosson contribute nature articles to all of our magazines today. Probably not many years ago some of these writers' manuscripts would have languished in editorial waste-baskets or been returned with the legend, "No demand for such articles."

The new century dawns encouragingly. It is not a passing fad or freak of fashion, this literature. We are emerging from a hundred years of invention, toil and weariness. Leisure and leisurely pursuits will follow in the coming century. Books on Nature and life out of doors will multiply, and the reading public will always welcome each and every new addition to its growing knowledge on these subjects.

## Waymarks for Women

At last, after a fierce debate extending over five years, the French senate has passed a bill allowing women lawyers to practice in French courts.

Hon. C. D. Wright at a meeting of the New England Cotton Manufacturers' Association declared that the factory is an element of progress, uplifting rather than degrading. The charge that the factory breeds immorality among women is not true and cannot be sustained by any facts that have ever been collected.

Queen Amelie of Portugal, who lately saved her boatman from drowning, is an expert swimmer. She has saved more than one life, and has a medal for life-saving. She once rescued her own child from drowning in the Tagus. The Portuguese queen has also stud-

ied medicine and has done many a good service by the wayside. The people of Lisbon never tire of telling how she left her carriage to attend a poor girl who had fainted on the street.

Two Chicago women have shown more business keenness than all the city assessors for some years back. Misses Goggin and Haley have found \$235,000,000 worth of corporate property in stocks and bonds, which has hitherto escaped taxation. The fact being presented to the Board of Assessors, that body refused to accept it, perhaps under the belief that it was impossible that women should discover what the lynx-like search of assessors had not found. The plucky women brought suit, with the result that the assessors were compelled to send the statement to the State Board of Equalization. What that body will do with it remains to be told.

## The Old Books

The old books, the old books, the books of long ago!  
Who ever felt Miss Austen tame, or called Sir Walter slow?  
We did not care the worst to hear of human sty or den;  
We liked to love a little bit and trust our fellowmen.  
The old books, the old books, as pure as summer breeze!  
We read them under garden boughs, by firelight on our knees,  
They did not teach, they did not preach, or scold us into good;  
A noble spirit from them breathed, the rest was understood.

The old books, the old books, the mother loves them best;  
They leave no bitter taste behind to haunt the youthful breast;  
They bid us hope, they bid us fill our hearts with visions fair;  
They do not paralyze the will with problems of despair.  
And as they lift from sloth and sense to follow loftier planes,  
And stir the blood of indolence to bubble in the veins,  
Inheritors of mighty things, who own a lineage high,  
We feel within us budding wings that long to reach the sky:  
To rise above the commonplace, and through the cloud to soar,  
And join the loftier company of grander souls of yore.

—The Spectator.

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## The Conversation Corner

**I**F you ask why there was no Corner page last week, the answer is easy. It was crowded out altogether by that long story about "a curious old New England book," which probably did not interest you a bit—except the pictures. So now I will give you a line of letters from real, up-to-date children, beginning here in Massachusetts.

*Dear Mr. Martin:* We went to Washington and had a very nice time. I saw the President, and the Capitol and the House of Representatives. We went to Mount Vernon on the boat. It is a very beautiful place. For 5 cents we got a glass of nice milk. We picked up some stones broken off from the pavement of the porch which came from England in 1785. It is sandstone. There are a great many automobiles in Washington. [I am glad this boy does not say "au-mob"!—Mr. M.] In an evening parade we saw an old wagon drawn by two mules, and on it was printed, "Our horseless carriage." I forgot to tell you that at Mount Vernon we met a lady who proved to be Miss Alice Longfellow of Cambridge. I have also been to Provincetown, the place you went to and told about. On the way most every one was sick, but I was not.

*Boston, Mass.*

WILLIE A.

P. S. I wish you would come and see me some time.

I will, Will, if I find myself some day within easy bicycle ride of you. From the recent items in the papers I judge that the boys who visit Washington next summer will have a chance to see the same gentleman in the President's house!

Going over—no, under—a range of mountains we reach "York State," as your grandfathers used to call it:

*Dear Mr. Martin:* I thought I would write to you. In *The Congregationalist* I saw the letters about the boys cutting wood for the log-cabin. I suppose the summer school is closed now. I am in the fifth grade. My teacher is Miss H. She is a very nice teacher. I take lessons on the violin every Tuesday. I like to take lessons. My music teacher is a very nice player. We have six young chickens and some old ones. I like to go to school very much. Our minister is Mr. M. He is a very nice preacher. I go to Sunday school. I like to go.

*Western New York.*

KENNETH B.

That is a very good sign when a boy likes all his lessons and all his teachers and his minister and his Sunday school!

Now tell me, you young geographers, whether in pursuing our western way we can get from New York to Ohio, where our next letter is dated, without going through a corner of Pennsylvania—I think we can.

*Dear Mr. Martin:* I was so astonished to have a letter from you. I have been so busy in school that I have not had time to write. . . . My mother has read to me about Oliver Hazard Perry, and the name of the bay near which the battle was fought is Put-in-Bay. It was fine to be so brave a man as he. In my vacation I went to Colebrook, Ct., and stayed in a house ninety-six years old. Then I went into the White Mountains. But I did not climb Mt. Washington. Did you ever go up there? Yesterday I went to see a great Republican parade. They had an elephant to stand for the G. O. P. I guess you know what that means. I guess that you will think I have written a good deal to a man whom I have never seen.

*Cleveland, O.*

CHARLES M.

Nearly all my letters are from children whom I have never seen! Yes, I have been on Mt. Washington, but I did not climb up—I went up on the railway. I

also visited (about twenty-five years ago) the bay in Lake Erie where Commodore Perry "put-in" after "Perry's Victory" in 1813; I went into a small battle museum and in a little rowboat over to "Gibraltar" island.

Now from Ohio to Michigan, by land or lake:

*Dear Mr. Martin:* I have not written to you for a long time, but I hope you have not forgotten me. My brothers and I have some foreign stamps we would like to exchange. I am fourteen years old and in the 9th grade.

*Reed City, Mich.*

WREN T.

Corner philatelists please take notice! Our next letter is from Illinois—look on your map again and see if we cannot get there without putting foot in Indiana.

*Dear Mr. Martin:* I would like to join the Corner. I am ten years old, and am in the fifth grade at school. I have been reading the Conversation Corner for about a year. We went nutting a few days ago for hickory nuts, but could not find any, so we got about two bu. of hazel nuts. I have one larger sister and two smaller brothers. We have just put my smallest brother into pants and he feels very big, and says "Me Big Boy" until bedtime, and then he will say, "Me no Big Boy at all." My father has a lumber yard, and several times he has given me a job of unloading lumber from the cars.

*Gridley, Ill.*

LEE K.

A small boy came into my room the other day, bringing the fruits of his first nutting expedition, and wanted me to tell him about the chestnuts. The next time I rode through chestnut woods I picked up two burs and put them in my pocket. When the small boy came in again, I took down from the old reading-books shelf the little "Child's Guide" (published by G. & C. Merriam, Springfield, 1833) and read him that remarkable piece about "What the chestnut bur is for"—do the Old Folks remember it?

Jumping over a big state, we reach the place of our next letter:

*Dear Mr. Martin:* I know a young man who joined the army. He had a dog (a beagle) who was very fond of him. Of course when the boy went to the war, he had to leave his dog at home. When he was gone, the dog began to mourn, refusing to eat anything. He would go back and forth from the house to the store, and stand at the door and cry for him. Finally, one day he lay down on the young man's coat, and died of starvation and a broken heart.

*Lincoln, Neb.*

THEODORE B.

I have a dog story which ends more pleasantly. I know a young man who joined an expedition going to the Arctic regions. He had a dog who was very fond of him—a Scotch dog. In anticipation of his going away the young man gave the dog away, and he was taken to another town. Then he was transferred to a more distant town. A year after he suddenly appeared near his old master's home, and seeing some children he knew found his way to the new home. He did not refuse to eat—not at all, but occasionally came, got a bone, sometimes spent the night, and then was gone for some days—sometimes weeks. The other day he happened in for his usual call—it was in the evening—and as he began to salute his friends in the sitting-room he suddenly perceived that his master was there. (He had just arrived home from the far North.) The dog's joy knew no

bounds—he leaped up upon him, he barked, and seemed to enjoy intensely the surprise as well as the pleasure of the meeting. This story is true—I saw it!

(For the Old Folks.)

### STEEL PENS ONCE MORE

This note is from an old schoolmaster, who says that he was made an honorary Cornerer in 1890 for special service rendered on the "cat question." I have since seen in the papers that, having taught school in the vicinity of New York for nearly sixty-five years, the legislature by special act added his name to the list of retired teachers of the metropolis.

The letters on "steel pens" in the Corner of Nov. 3 invite this word. I began to teach a district school on the second Monday in November, 1835. In the early part of the following January a young lady pupil brought to school a steel pen. It was the first I had ever seen. I borrowed it to write in an album. It was several years after that before I was relieved from "mending quill pens." Now I use no pen at all, having learned typewriting since August. My teacher says I am doing well for a boy of my age—not quite eighty-three.

*Mt. Vernon, N. Y.*

T. D. C.

### NEW QUESTIONS

*Mr. Martin:* I have enjoyed reading the "Corner," and I think it a very good idea to have one also for the children of a larger growth. I find very precious the hymns and verses we used to repeat in our Sunday school fifty years ago. I wish to ask about a hymn beginning,

Like mist on the ocean,  
Like ships on the sea,  
So swiftly the years  
Of our pilgrimage flee.

You may be interested to know that I had an experience in starting Sunday services of prayer and praise in the hospitals in and around Washington in the earliest days of the war. We used to send letters from there to your paper and well remember the work of Rev. J. W. Alvord and good Dr. Quint.

*Dorchester, Mass.*

Mrs. F.

*Dear Mr. Martin:* Will you lend me a bit of your Corner though I am neither child nor one of the Old Folks? I am anxious to trace a poem, which my mother learned as a tiny child when visiting a Methodist Sunday school in New York about sixty years ago. It was sung in the infant class and made a great impression upon her. The lines she remembers are these:

Once upon the heaving ocean  
Rolled a barque at eventide,  
Whilst the waves in wild commotion  
Dashed against the vessel's side.  
Jesus, sleeping on a pillow,  
Heeded not the raging billow;  
Whilst the winds were all abroad  
Calmly slept the Son of God.

As in all these years we have never seen the poem in print nor heard of any one who knew it, I am afraid that search is hopeless, but your Old Folks do find out such wonderful things that I take courage. If they can restore those lost verses to my mother we will be very grateful. Now while I am in the early twenties I am committing to memory many hymns and poems, in the hope that when I join the old folk I may be able to help others. Trusting that you may then still be in charge of the Corner department, I am, etc.,

*Claverack, N. Y.*

M. D. C.

According to the above data, Miss C. will "join the old folk" about fifty years hence, so that her kind hope is an astonishing one!

*Mr. Martin*



## The Strenuous Life\*

X. Its Chivalry

BY REV. A. E. DUNNING

The visit of Jesus to Jericho on his way to his death on the cross and his resurrection embalmed in history two names—Bartimeus and Zaccheus; no others. If Jesus had visited Boston, and ages after his visit had been remembered only by interviews he had had with the blind organ grinder on the Common and a rich speculator whom he saw in a tree, it would hardly seem as though he had appreciated our great men or the monuments of their work. Yet in that one day he made Jericho forever memorable by bringing into view the true nobility of its only citizens who are remembered with honor. He did this by awakening in them impulses to the strenuous life.

No one brief episode in the New Testament more readily lends itself to furnish pictures to the chivalrous imagination than that of the meeting of Jesus with Zaccheus. The despised tax gatherer and his outcast household, his righteous neighbors sneering at the "sinner," his careless, defiant attitude astride the limb of a fig tree, his look of surprise when the rabbi followed by the crowd accosted him as a gentleman, his prompt extension of the hospitalities of his home to his unexpected guest, and finally his brave confession of the new life he had chosen, make a romance in real life unsurpassed in fiction. It is easy to find in it the genuine spirit of chivalry in:

1. *Its response to Christlike courtesy.* It might have been curiosity mainly that prompted the man of little stature to climb the tree above the crowd to see who the man was whom everybody wanted to see. I noticed several such men in the elms on Boston Common when Mr. Bryan was making an appeal to a vast crowd there to vote for him. But if he had called one of them by name who he knew was an enthusiastic Republican and asked to be his guest, the man would not have been more astonished than Zaccheus was when Jesus thus addressed him. He probably knew the high standard of morality that Jesus taught, and the self-denying life he lived. If the rabbi had accused him of extortion and denounced him as unworthy to be a Jew, he would not have been surprised.

But when Zaccheus heard himself addressed with respect and singled out as a host among that company that looked down on him, a new manhood woke in him. He joyfully dropped off from the limb to escort his guest to his house, which the Pharisees would have scorned to enter. He saw Jesus encountering ill will and social ostracism for him, a stranger. He must have asked himself what thing in him that he had not discovered drew to him the noble young man whom crowds were following. He heard the sneering comment, "He has gone in to lodge with a man that is a sinner." It was spoken in the same tone in which it was said a little while ago that President McKinley had gone to be the guest of a Cincinnati brewer. But Jesus always re-

ceived courtesy courteously. He spoke to what was best in others and the best in them responded. Often his strenuous life found fellowship in quarters where few would have sought it.

2. *Its self-conquest by love.* One may easily imagine the treatment Zaccheus had received from his neighbors, treatment not altogether undeserved. Of course his children would be reminded by their playfellows of their father's disreputable character. His wife would be made conscious of popular disapproval by the averted looks of women whose husbands were honored in the synagogue; and the orthodox Pharisees might well say that they had done everything to bring that enterprising publican to repentance, but that he had only grown more obdurate.

But when Zaccheus saw the rabbi whom the people followed in crowds enter his home as a guest, speak kindly words to his children, treat his wife with respect, saying to his family no word and giving no sign to discredit him, all the nobler sentiments in him rose to assert themselves. His generosity first found voice. Standing forth deliberately in the presence of his friends, and addressing the guest who had won his love, he asked his attention. "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor." Justice followed close after generosity, and it was on the same large scale, not an exact return to others, with interest, of money he had taken from them wrongfully, but fourfold. Here are the assertions of manhood which give value to a man. To help those who need help and to deal honorably with all men, with motives awakened by contact with Jesus Christ, and this, in the face of social ostracism, made Zaccheus, as it makes any one, a hero.

3. *Its recognition by the royal Master.* Jesus pointed to that avowal of Zaccheus and that day as the act and the time which brought salvation to the publican and to his house. He saw the strenuous life begun in him. He was a Jew and he recognized in Zaccheus, whom the Pharisees had rejected, a brother worthy of honor. He indicated also that Zaccheus had been a lost man, that he was saved and that the Son of Man had saved him.

It appears from this interview that generosity to the poor and just dealing in business were regarded by Jesus as satisfactory evidence of salvation. When Zaccheus had set himself right with his fellowmen he was right with God. This fact seems to have been too little recognized in modern preaching. "To do justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with thy God" was the sum of the ancient requirement for the strenuous life. It seems to fulfill the requirement of Christ. The rich fool failed in life because he had spent it in laying up treasure for himself and was not rich toward God. The rich man who neglected Lazarus found himself in torment because he had made no friends among the poor with his money. The rich young ruler could not enter the kingdom of heaven be-

cause he would not give his possessions to the poor. On the other hand, those who had left their own and followed Christ were promised by him eternal life [Luke 18: 29, 30]; and Zaccheus became a saved man by giving to the poor and settling his accounts with those whom he had wronged. An apostle has said, "He that loveth his neighbor hath fulfilled the law." The man who lives for others has the disposition of Christ; and when he comes to know Christ will follow him at any cost.

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## The Literature of 1900

Ask now of the days that are past.—Deut. 4: 32.

If we had space for a brief general retrospect of the literary history of the closing century, we should be glad. But we must limit ourselves to the literary product of the year, and this, indeed, has been so abundant that we can hardly do it bare justice.

### THEOLOGY AND RELIGION

We follow our custom of giving precedence to works on *Theology and the Philosophy of Religion*. One of the foremost is *Fundamental Ideas of Christianity* [Macmillan. \$3.50], by the late Principal John Caird, embodying the Gifford Lectures delivered in 1892-93 and 1895-96, and now edited by Dr. Edward Caird. They make a powerful argument for the reasonableness of the Christian faith. A peculiarity is their denial of a distinction between natural and revealed religion. Dr. E. P. Gould, in the *Biblical Theology of the New Testament* [Macmillan. 75 cents], has set forth judiciously the results of modern critical scholarship, confirming the authority of the New Testament; and Prof. J. S. Iverach's *Deems lectures for 1899, on Theism in the Light of Present Science and Philosophy* [Macmillan. \$1.50], has furnished a masterpiece of reasoning; and Prof. E. D. Morris's *Theology of the Westminster Symbols* [Champlin Press] is an elaborate exposition of considerable significance. Professor Pfeiderer's *Evolution and Theology and Other Essays* [Macmillan. \$2.00] is not a continuous work but contains bold, striking discussions, advancing some novel views. Dr. J. T. Bixby's able *The Ethics of Evolution* [Small & Maynard. \$1.25] also deserves heed. Rev. W. L. Walker's *The Spirit and the Incarnation* [Scribner. \$3.50] is profound and practical and embodies the reflections which brought him back to evangelical belief. W. P. Merrill's *Faith and Sight* [Scribner. \$1.00] is a timely and trenchant discussion of the relation of agnosticism to theology.

The late Dr. J. S. Candlish's *The Christian Salvation* [Scribner. \$3.00] deals specially with the work of Christ. Dr. James Stalker in *The Christology of Jesus* [Armstrong. \$1.50] interprets Christ's teaching about himself. Prof. G. S. Goodspeed in *Israel's Messianic Hope* [Macmillan. \$1.50] argues that Messianic prophecy is the essence and life of the Old Testament and its link with the New; Rev. Walter Spence's *Back to Christ* [McClurg. \$1.00] magnifies helpfully the place and work of Jesus in the Christian system; and Bishop Jaggard's *Bohlen lectures for this year, on The Personality of Truth* [Whittaker. \$1.00], point to Christ as the personification of truth.

Prof. F. B. Denio's *The Supreme Leader* [Pilgrim Press. \$1.25] is a fine exposition of the office and power of the Holy Spirit, and Dr. Abraham Kuyper's *Work of the Holy Spirit* [Funk & Wagnalls. \$3.00] studies the same theme from the point of view of Old School Calvinism. Prof. B. P. Bowne's little volume on *The Atonement* [Curts & Jennings. 50 cents]

is simple, clear and valuable for young Christians. In the *Doctrine of St. John* [Longmans] Rev. Walter Lowrie offers a fine interpretation, at once learned and popular. Prof. Josiah Royce's *The Conception of Immortality* [Houghton & Mifflin. \$1.00] is somewhat novel and remarkably able. Two other volumes worth notice are the *Bampton Lectures for 1899* [Scribner. \$2.50], on Christian Mysticism, by W. R. Inge, a temperate and careful study, and *The Theology of Modern Literature* [Scribner. \$3.00], by Dr. S. L. Wilson, a suggestive book, although not sufficiently inclusive in range.

### BIBLICAL CRITICISM

In the department of *Biblical Criticism* we note the first volume of the *Encyclopædia Biblica, A—D* [Macmillan. \$5.00], edited by Drs. T. K. Cheyne and J. S. Black, somewhat technical but meeting well the needs of scholars; the *People's Bible Cyclopædia* [Eaton & Mains. \$3.00], edited by Dr. C. R. Barnes and fitted for Sunday school and popular use; and the *Dictionary of the Bible, Vol. III.* [Scribner. \$6.00], edited by Drs. James Hastings and J. A. Selbie. The *Bible Introduction* [Whittaker. \$2.00] of Profs. H. H. Bennett and W. F. Adeney also is comprehensive and trustworthy. Prof. W. H. Green's *General Introduction to the Old Testament—the Text* [Scribner. \$1.50] is a companion to his work on *The Canon and favors the Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch*. Dr. E. J. Banks's *Jonah in Fact and Fancy* [Ketcham. 75 cents] goes too far in the line of advanced criticism, but is interesting. Professor Budde's *Religion of Israel to the Exile* [Putnam. \$1.50] takes the point of view of comparative religion and will aid the student. *The Messages of the Later Prophets* [Scribner. \$1.25], in Profs. Sanders and Kent's series, *The Messages of the Bible*, is practically a thorough commentary. Dr. T. K. Cheyne's *The Christian Use of the Psalms* [Dutton. \$2.00] also claims mention as it offers interpretations, although with special reference to use in the Anglican prayer-book.

Upon the New Testament also there have been several valuable publications, e. g., Prof. H. S. Nash's *History of the Higher Criticism of the New Testament* [Macmillan. 75 cents], at once learned and intelligible; Prof. F. B. Godet's *Introduction to the New Testament* [Scribner. \$2.50] an example of conservative reasoning; the second volume (*Acts—1 Cor.*) of *The Expositor's Greek Testament* [Dodd & Mead. \$7.50], edited by Dr. W. R. Nicoll and offering voluminous notes; Prof. E. J. Wolf's *Exposition of the Gospels of the Church Year* [Luth. Pub. Soc. \$4.50], a condensation of Nebe's *Evangelischen Perikopen*; Prof. M. R. Vincent's *History of the Textual Criticism of the New Testament* [Macmillan. 75 cents], useful to laymen; and the *Stone Lectures for 1897-98 on A Problem in New Testament Criticism* [Scribner. \$1.50], in which Prof. M. W. Jacobus inquires how far the principles of ev-

olution account for the relations of the teachings of Jesus and Paul to each other. Several of these belong to the excellent series of *New Testament Handbooks*. Here also perhaps should be included President Rush Rhees's *The Life of Jesus of Nazareth* [Scribner. \$1.25], in which critical questions receive thorough heed.

### COMMENTARIES

In this connection may be named the following *Commentaries*: *Chronicles*, by Dr. W. E. Barnes, and *Proverbs* [Macmillan. \$1.00 and 75 cents], by Archdeacon T. T. Perowne, two numbers of the admirable *Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges*; *Proverbs* [Scribner. \$3.00], by Prof. C. H. Toy, of high merit; *Amos* [Houghton & Mifflin. \$1.50], by Prof. H. G. Mitchell, a revision and modernization of his volume of 1893; *Zechariah* [Revell. \$1.00], an interpretation with direct applications; *Romans, Part II.* [Scribner. \$1.50], by Canon Gore, offering an ingenious theory of election; *Ephesians* [Armstrong. \$1.75], too wordy, yet helpful; and *Thessalonians, Corinthians, Galatians, Romans and Philipians* [Putnam. \$2.00], by Principal James Drummond, a product of scholarly Unitarianism.

### CHURCH HISTORY

Several volumes of *Church History* have been conspicuous. One is the small but valuable work by Professor Matthews, *New Testament Times in Palestine* [Macmillan. 75 cents]. Another is *The Apostolic Age* [Scribner. \$2.00], by J. M. Bartlet, an unusually fine study. Another is the seventh volume of Dr. Harack's *History of Dogma* [Little & Brown. \$2.50], closing a remarkably profound, fresh, candid work. A fourth is the third volume of the late Dr. Wilhelm Moeller's *History of the Christian Church, 1517-1648* [Macmillan. \$1.75], dealing specially with the Reformation and the Counter-Reformation. The first volume of Dr. A. H. Newman's *Manual of Church History* [Am. Bapt. Pub. Soc. \$2.25] comes down to 1517 and, apart from some sectarianism, is admirable. The second volume of Bishop Hurst's *History of the Christian Church* [Eaton & Mains. \$5.00] continues the record from the end of the twelfth century and affords a trustworthy bird's-eye view of its subject. Dr. Lorimer's *Christianity in the Nineteenth Century* [Am. Bapt. Pub. Soc. \$2.25], his *Lowell Lectures*, is both historical and philosophical. Rev. L. H. Schwab's translation of Friedrich Nippold's *The Papacy in the 19th Century* [Putnam. \$2.50] is a severe condemnation of the Papacy. Dr. J. H. Patton's *History of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America* [Mighill] is easy reading but at times carelessly written, and that on *The Church of England* [Dutton. \$2.00], by Dr. Carpenter, the Bishop of Ripon, is a popular and enjoyable résumé. In connection with it ought to be read Dr. T. C. Hall's *Ely Lectures for 1899, on The Social Meaning of Modern Religious Movements in England* [Scribner. \$1.50], a



comparison of Methodism and the three great parties in the Church of England. Rev. William Hunt's first of seven volumes on The English Church from Its Foundation to the Norman Conquest [Macmillan. \$1.50] is diffuse but valuable; and Dean Spence's charming The White Robe of Churches [Scribner. \$3.00] describes Gloucester Cathedral specially and the church building movement in Britain in the eleventh century in general. Under this head also belongs the full and most valuable account of The Second International Congregational Council [Pub. Com. of Council. \$2.00], compiled by the committee and by Rev. E. C. Webster.

## SERMONS

Notable volumes of *Sermons* have been few this year. Dr. Alexander Maclaren has published Leaves from the Tree of Life [Dutton. \$1.50], characteristically fresh and spiritual, and Dr. Hugh Macmillan's Gleanings in Holy Fields [Macmillan. \$1.50], an outgrowth of his tour in Palestine, is interesting. Dr. Lyman Abbott's The Life that Really Is [Ketcham. \$1.50] includes twenty-six of his latest discourses as pastor of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn; and his two addresses on The Supernatural, and Salvation from Sin [Crowell. Each 35 cents] blend intellectual independence with Christian earnestness. Dr. D. J. Burrell's The Unaccountable Man [Revell] is pithy and arrests attention. The annual volume of Monday Club Sermons [Pilgrim Press. \$1.25] is as good as ever. Note here also Dr. John Brown's fine volume of Yale Lectures, Puritan Preaching in England Past and Present [Scribner. \$1.50], one of the most stimulating of the series thus far; and Dr. R. H. McKim's valuable Present Day Problems of Christian Thought [Whittaker. \$1.50].

## DEVOTIONAL

Not many *Devotional Books* rise much above the commonplace. But Rev. George Matheson's two volumes, Studies of the Portrait of Christ [Armstrong. Each \$1.75], which interpret afresh and reverently the character of Jesus, whether primarily intended to serve a devotional use or not, certainly belong here and merit warm praise. Dr. Henry Van Dyke also has furnished real spiritual help in The Poetry of the Psalms [Crowell. 60 cents]. Mrs. J. H. Root's A Soul's Meditations [Bonnell & Silver. \$1.25] out of profound knowledge of suffering offers real cheer; and C. A. Cook's Practical Portions for the Prayer Life [Revell. \$1.25] is a useful daily manual. Dr. W. E. Barton's The Improvement of Perfection [C. E. Soc. 35 cents] is original and effective. Dr. Calkins's Parables for Our Times [Whittaker. 50 cents] is pungent and telling; and Dr. J. R. Miller's Loving My Neighbor [Crowell. 35 cents] and Mr. Meyer's John the Baptist [Revell. \$1.00] cannot but uplift the soul.

We add also a few religious works not easily assignable to either of the foregoing classes. Here, for instance, are the late Dr. R. S. Storrs's Addresses on Foreign Missions [A. B. C. F. M. \$1.00] from 1887 to 1897; and Rev. W. H. Bentley's two handsome volumes, Pioneering on the Congo [Revell. \$5.00], a record of actual work in the foreign field. And here is Pro Christo et Ecclesia [Macmil-

lan. \$1.50], by some author unnamed, a book of pertinent and forceful spiritual suggestiveness. Dr. S. D. McConnell's Essays [Whittaker. \$1.50] also handle vital Christian topics without gloves, and Ian Maclaren's Church Folks is similarly vigorous with an added dash of humor.

## PHILOSOPHY

Several works in the strict field of *Philosophy* need a word. One is Prof. Josiah Royce's The World and the Individual [Macmillan. \$3.00], a masterpiece in dealing with its large theme, The Four Historical Conceptions of Being. Another is Prof. Lucien Levy-Bruhl's History of Modern Philosophy in France, which emphasizes the point that since Descartes French philosophy has shown itself chiefly in the form it has given to doctrine, i. e., in method. Prof. A. T. Ormond's abstruse but learned The Foundations of Knowledge [Macmillan Co. \$3.00], an attempt to restate the problem of philosophy, and perhaps Prof. Ernst Haeckel's The Riddle of the Universe [Harper. \$1.50] may be mentioned here, and Prof. N. S. Shaler's The Individual [Appleton. \$1.50], which is profound and also interesting.

## HISTORY

Turning to *History* Mr. D. W. Howe's The Puritan Republic [Bowen-Merrill. \$3.50] is as readable as it is scholarly and puts some things freshly, if not always convincingly. Charles Moore's The Northwest Under Three Flags [Harper. \$2.50] portrays lucidly the struggles of Spain, France and England for territory which ultimately became ours. Dr. S. D. Peet's learned The Cliff Dwellers and the Pueblos [Amer. Antiquarian] is archaeological rather than strictly historical. The second volume of Letters to Washington, etc. [Houghton & Mifflin. \$5.00], edited by S. M. Hamilton, is of more than personal interest and covers a wide range of topics. The fifth volume of Professor McMaster's History of the People of the United States [Appleton. \$2.50] covers only the years 1821-30 but finds an ample field and deals with it ably. Prof. John Fiske's The Mississippi Valley in the Civil War [Houghton & Mifflin. \$2.00] resets familiar facts skillfully and offers vivid descriptions. Other interesting and significant works are E. S. MacLay's spirited and informing History of American Privateering [Appleton. \$3.50], Park Benjamin's comprehensive and readable The United States Naval Academy [Putnam. \$3.50] and Lieut. F. M. Bennett's The Monitor and the Navy Under Steam [Houghton & Mifflin. \$1.00]; and Mr. J. R. Spears's The American Slave Trade [Scribner. \$2.50] is an important chronicle. Prof. G. C. Lee's fine History of Jurisprudence [Macmillan. \$3.00] fairly should be named here, too, in spite of the special character of its theme; and so should Prof. Barrett Wendell's excellent Literary History of America [Scribner. \$3.00].

As for other lands in the past or present, Dr. R. W. Rogers's History of Babylon and Assyria [Eaton & Mains. \$5.00] is the conscientious work of a trained explorer and archaeologist. Prof. Rodolfo Lanciani's The Destruction of Ancient Rome [Macmillan. \$2.00] condenses the author's important and occasion-

ally unique historical and archaeological lore. Mr. Budgett Meakin's The Moorish Empire [Macmillan. \$5.00] is full, careful and interesting. In The Rulers of the South [Macmillan. \$6.00] Mr. F. M. Crawford tells the history of Sicily, Calabria and Malta. Prof. Goldwin Smith's The United Kingdom [Macmillan. \$4.00] exhibits his sturdy individuality and has evident faults yet is vigorous and scholarly. Dr. W. H. Fitchett's How England Saved Europe [Scribner. \$6.00] is a rhetorical but valuable account of the long conflict between Great Britain and Napoleon I. The first of the two volumes of Andrew Lang's Scotland [Dodd & Mead. \$3.50] covers the time down to James VI. and is independent and agreeable. Two histories of France also deserve note—Mr. T. E. Watson's The Story of France [Macmillan. \$2.50], diffuse yet picturesque and enjoyable, and Baron Pierre de Coubertin's France since 1814 [Macmillan. \$1.50], predicting the development of a better quality of Republicanism. Historical Memoirs of the Emperor Alexander I. and the Court of Russia [McClure. \$1.50], by the Countess de Choiseul-Gouffier, is politically enlightening as well as entertaining. Dr. F. W. Holls's The Peace Conference at the Hague [Macmillan. \$3.00], just out, must not be forgotten. It describes this important gathering and its results.

## BIOGRAPHY

From general history we turn to individual, that is, to *Biography*. J. M. Taylor's Roger Ludlow [Putnam. \$1.50] describes a founder of Connecticut; Mr. S. G. Fisher's The True William Penn [Lippincott. \$2.00] draws a faithful portrait of him but an unfair one of the Puritans. Dr. W. D. Love's Samson Occam and the Christian Indians of New England [Pilgrim Press. \$1.50] is a fine example of conscientious, trustworthy work. In McLoughlin and Old Oregon [McClurg. \$1.50] Mrs. Eva E. Dye has told finely a story partly familiar but largely unhackneyed and wholly engrossing and inspiring; and C. H. Farnham's Francis Parkman [Little & Brown. \$2.50] describes sympathetically the heroic life of the historian of our whole Northwest. The lives of Charles Francis Adams, by his son of the same name, and of Charles Sumner [Houghton & Mifflin. Each \$1.25], by Moorfield Storey, are discriminating studies and should be read together. Mr. A. C. Buell's Paul Jones [Scribner. \$3.00] is more elaborate than Rev. C. T. Brady's [Appleton. \$1.50]. Each is graphic and eulogistic without being fulsome.

Rev. G. W. Chadwick's Theodore Parker [Houghton & Mifflin. \$2.00] is uncommonly vivid and sympathetic. Mr. F. Bancroft's William H. Seward [Harper. \$5.00] is a keen critique and a fair and friendly estimate in one. Prof. A. B. Hart's account of Salmon P. Chase [Houghton & Mifflin. \$1.25] might be described similarly. Mr. W. L. Moody's Life of his father, the great evangelist, D. L. Moody [Revell] is already and deservedly popular; the Life of Rev. E. A. Lawrence [Revell. \$2.00], by his mother, tells well the story of a noble career too soon cut short upon earth; and Dr. Griffiths's Verbeck of Japan [Revell] does no more than justice to a noble missionary

and educator. Bishop Whipple's autobiography [Macmillan. \$5.00], and Rev. S. J. Andrews's William Watson Andrews [Putnam. \$1.50] tells the life-stories of two high officials of the church, working with one motive along different lines and greatly beloved; W. D. Howells's Literary Friends and Acquaintances [Harper. \$2.50] is autobiographical and delightful; and Miss Katharine Hillard's My Mother's Journal [Ellis. \$2.00], dealing with experiences in the East, and Mrs. Susan I. Lesley's Recollections of My Mother [Houghton & Mifflin. \$2.50], treating of New England surroundings, afford delightful glimpses of life and character in the early part of this century.

The Life of Francis Lieber [Macmillan. \$1.75], whom Dr. L. H. Harley has described so well, and who, although a loyal American by choice, was born a German, serves as a connecting link with biographies of foreigners. Georg Brandes's Shakespeare [Macmillan. \$2.00] is one of the finest examples of critical study in years, and another, although very different, is Dr. H. W. Mabie's William Shakespeare [Macmillan. \$6.00]. Governor Roosevelt's Oliver Cromwell [Scribner. \$2.00], crisp, candid and sympathetic, and John Morley's [Century Co. \$3.50], more penetrating, thorough and judicial yet not less readable, have made their famous hero live again. The Macmillans' handsome new edition of Lockhart's Life of Sir Walter Scott [\$1.50 each], in five volumes, also merits high praise; and Lord Rosebery's Napoleon [Harper. \$3.00] deals with his St. Helena life vividly. Mr. F. P. Stearns [Lippincott. \$3.50] and J. P. Headlam [Putnam. \$1.50] have portrayed Bismarck with wisdom and success. Mr. G. W. E. Russell has edited Matthew Arnold's Letters [Macmillan. \$2.25] which almost amount to an autobiography, and Dr. Evelyn Abbott the late Dr. Jowett's Letters [Dutton. \$5.00] which are equally valuable. Principal G. R. Parkin, in Edward Thring [Macmillan. \$2.00] and W. F. and J. H. Moulton, in William F. Moulton [Dutton. \$2.50], have done justice to two great British Christian educators. The fourth volume of the elaborate Life of C. H. Spurgeon [Revell. \$2.50], by Mrs. Spurgeon, is out, and Rev. James Drummond has done no more than justice to his subject in his fine memorial of Dr. C. A. Berry [Cassell. \$1.50]. The biography of the late Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Benson, by his son is a monumental work of rare excellence; and A. W. Jackson's James Martineau [Little & Brown. \$3.00] is another superior production. Three very different but very readable autobiographies are Dr. Joseph Parker's [Crowell. \$2.00], frank and stimulating; Sir Algernon West's [Harper. \$3.00], abounding in pictures and anecdotes of English society; and Prince Kropotkin's [Houghton & Mifflin. \$2.00], detailing the career of a professed but not very dangerous anarchist.

#### ECONOMICS

Several works upon *Economics* possess large value. The late Dr. D. A. Wells's The Theory and Practice of Taxation [Appleton. \$2.00], completed by W. C. Ford, is an important historical and critical exposition of the nature, purpose, methods and results of taxation in this

and other lands. Dr. G. H. Fairchild's Rural Wealth and Welfare [Macmillan. \$1.25] discusses labor, capital, banking, government, etc., tersely and wisely. Dr. C. J. Bullock's Monetary History of the United States [Macmillan. \$1.25] is full of important facts. Prof. J. B. Clark's The Distribution of Wealth [Macmillan. \$3.00] deals with a purely theoretical situation, but is practically suggestive. So is Mr. J. A. Hobson's The Economics of Distribution [Macmillan. \$1.25], in spite of some looseness of statement. Mr. W. M. Collier's The Trusts [Baker & Taylor. \$1.25] is a candid, illuminating study, with some suggestions for progress, and Prof. R. T. Ely's Monopolies and Trusts [Macmillan. \$1.25] points out that the existence of trusts does not do away with competition or secure a real monopoly. Prof. E. D. Jones, in Economic Crises [Macmillan. \$1.25], holds that they are to be prevented by a general process of economic evolution rather than by specific remedies. Mr. H. D. Lloyd's little book, A Country Without Strikes [Doubleday & Page. \$1.00], explaining the successful working of compulsory arbitration in New Zealand, is probably the most serviceable volume bearing upon trade issued during the year. How Women Can Earn a Living [Macmillan. \$1.00], by Helen C. Candee, is a book of excellent practical information and advice.

#### GOVERNMENT AND SOCIALISM

Here, too, may be named several works upon *Government* and the now kindred topic of *Socialism*. Dr. John Bascom's Growth of Nationality in the United States [Putnam. \$1.25] is a broad and thorough study embodied first in college lectures. Prof. F. H. Giddings's Democracy and Empire [Macmillan. \$2.50] is both theoretical and practical and very able; Prof. F. J. Goodnow's Politics and Administration [Macmillan. \$2.00] is temperate and judicious. Dr. J. H. Vincent's Government in Switzerland [Macmillan. \$1.25] is useful, especially in explaining the referendum, the operation and results of national control of railroads, etc. Prof. A. L. Lowell's Colonial Civil Service [Macmillan. \$1.50] is at once a history and an exposition of methods. Hon. W. L. Scruggs's The Columbian and Venezuelan Republics [Little & Brown. \$2.50] is full of general information but specially notable for its discussion of international negotiations and the Monroe Doctrine. The late Dr. C. C. P. Clark's The Machine Abolished and the People Restored to Power [G. P. Putnam's Sons. \$1.00] makes a reformative suggestion at once simple and worth trial. Social Justice [Macmillan, \$3.00], by Dr. W. W. Willoughby, is well worth reading. Prof. H. C. Warren's translation of G. Tarde's Social Laws [Macmillan. \$1.25] is a summary of the author's larger works, and is stimulating in spite of being sometimes a little abstruse. Prof. Samuel Dill's Roman Society in the Last Century of the Western Empire [Macmillan. \$2.00] suggests much for modern consideration; Dr. C. B. Spahr's America's Working People [Longmans. \$1.25] embodies important personal studies carefully made; President B. T. Washington's The Future of the American Negro [Small & Maynard. \$1.50] is a sensible, manly, Christian study and forecast;

Mr. J. A. Riis's A Ten Years' War [Houghton & Mifflin. \$1.50] describes encouragingly the largely successful battle with the slums in New York city; Rev. August Drähms's The Criminal [Macmillan. \$2.00] is an important sociological study; and Josiah Flynt's Notes of an Itinerant Policeman [Page. \$1.50] makes important revelations and suggestions. Messrs. Rowntree & Sherwell's volume, The Temperance Problem and Social Reform [Truslove, Hanson & Comba] is a comprehensive, enlightening study, already in its seventh edition.

#### ESSAYS

Gov. Theodore Roosevelt's The Strenuous Life [Century Co. \$1.50], treating pertinently and powerfully of civic themes, deserves first mention under *Essays*. Prof. John Fiske's A Century of Science [Houghton & Mifflin. \$2.00] deals with civic, literary and scientific topics in his usual masterly fashion. Capt. A. T. Mahan's Lessons of the War with Spain, etc., and his The Problem of Asia [Little & Brown. Each \$2.00] contain utterances of an expert in war who also is a true lover of peace and a good deal of a statesman. Tolstoi's Essays, Letters and Miscellaneous [Crowell. \$2.00] is noble and inspiring but unpractical and at times misleading. Frederic Harrison's The Meaning of History [Macmillan. \$1.75] is suggestive. Mr. R. R. Bowker's The Arts of Life [Houghton & Mifflin. \$1.25] discusses education, politics, religion, etc., with uncommon seriousness and aptness; William Archer's America Today [Scribner. \$1.25] embodies impressions of a cosmopolitan Englishman pleasantly expressed. Miss Aline Gorren's Anglo-Saxons and Others [Scribner. \$1.50] is keen and readable in comparing the English and ourselves with other nations. Charles Whibley's The Pageantry of Life [Harper. \$1.50] is engrossing. Chatwood [Crowell. 50 cents] by Paterson DuBois, is shrewd, bright and unprigishly religious. Flowers in the Pave [Lippincott. \$1.50], by C. M. Skinner, directs attention to the real beauties in homely, commonplace objects and scenes. Helen R. Albee's Mountain Playmates [Houghton & Mifflin. \$1.50] deals pleasantly with nature and people. Bishop J. L. Spalding's Opportunity and Other Essays [McClurg. \$1.00] is generally able and scholarly and not unpleasantly sectarian.

#### POETRY

The most important undertaking in the department of *Poetry* has been Mr. E. C. Stedman's American Anthology [Houghton & Mifflin. \$3.00], a chronologically arranged collection of the best American verse and surprisingly rich and enjoyable. The most conspicuous single volumes of poems have been Mrs. Julia C. R. Dorr's charming Afterglow [Scribner. \$1.25] and Dr. Henry Van Dyke's The Tolling of Felix, etc., lofty in conception and musical in form. Beyond the Hills of Dream [Houghton & Mifflin. \$1.25], by W. W. Campbell, a Canadian poet, maintains a high level of excellence. Mr. Lloyd Mifflin's Echoes of Greek Idylls and his Fields of Dawn and Later Sonnets [Houghton & Mifflin. \$1.25 and \$1.00] exhibit fine work. Nixon Waterman's A Book of Verses [Forbes. \$1.25] abounds in true, tender feeling. Francesca Alex-



ander's *The Hidden Servants* [Little & Brown. \$1.50] reproduces old Italian legends drawn straight from the peasantry, and Anna Mack's *Heaven's Distant Lamps* [Lee & Shepard. \$1.50] is a choice collection for all in sorrow. The complete Cambridge Edition of Mrs. Browning's *Poems* [Houghton & Mifflin. \$2.00] also has come out.

## TRAVEL

A handful of volumes of *Travel* would include all fairly deserving special mention. Two treat of mountain climbing rather than of general travel. Mr. E. A. Fitzgerald's *The Highest Andes* [Scribner. \$6.00] tells of the ascent of Aconcagua in Argentina, the highest mountain in America, and others. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Workman's *In the Ice World of the Himalayas* [Cassell. \$4.00] also describes record making climbing with lavish illustration. Mr. F. W. Christian's *The Caroline Islands* [Scribner. \$4.00] contains important as well as entertaining material. Anthony Wilkins's *Among the Berbers in Algeria* [Cassell. \$4.00] is archaeological and entertaining. F. G. Carpenter's *South America* [Saalfield Co.] explains carefully the social condition, commercial possibilities, etc., of the different countries for the benefit of business men in the United States. Capt. Joshua Slocum's graphic *Sailing Alone Around the World* [Century Co. \$2.00] is a vivid narrative of an absolutely unique experience. Percy Dearmer's *Highways and Byways in Normandy* [Macmillan. \$2.00] is agreeable and will be useful for cyclists and many others. Katherine L. Bates's *Spanish Highways and Byways* [Macmillan. \$2.25] is vivacious and amusing. Dr. W. E. Griffis's *The American in Holland* [Houghton & Mifflin. \$1.50] also is shrewd in comment and entertaining in manner.

## EDUCATION

An actual flood of books treating of *Education* has appeared, but text-books of course have composed it for the most part. Among treatises dealing chiefly with principles have been Pres. C. F. Thwing's *College Administration* [Century Co. \$2.00], an expert study and statement; *Educational Aims and Methods* [Macmillan. \$1.25], by Sir Joshua Fitch, a British educational specialist of distinction; and *Two Children of the Foothills* [Sigma Co. \$1.25], by Elizabeth Harrison, a plea for and exposition of kindergarten work in the form of a narrative. Prof. W. H. Goodyear's *The Renaissance of Modern Art* [Macmillan. \$1.00] also should be noted for its thoroughness and fullness.

## FICTION

Turning to lighter literature, we glance next at *Novels*. Half a dozen stand out conspicuously. No one of them may seem epoch-making to posterity, but each has gained fairly a large popularity. Undoubtedly Miss Mary Johnston's *To Have and to Hold* [Houghton & Mifflin. \$1.50] has been the most widely talked about. It is a vigorous and faithful colonial romance. Mr. J. L. Allen's *The Reign of Law* [Macmillan. \$1.50] is a profound study of human nature in spiritual relations, and is finely written. Judge Robert Grant's *Unleavened Bread* [Scribner. \$1.50] is a

social study and satire, keen and effective, and provocative of discussion. Mrs. Frances H. Burnett's *In Connection with the De Willoughby Claim* [Scribner. \$1.50] is her masterpiece thus far and preaches the penalty of evil-doing most solemnly. Emma Rayner's *Visiting the Sin* [Small & Maynard. \$1.50] paints realistic pictures of Kentucky and Tennessee mountain life and teaches moral lessons powerfully. Miss Margaret H. Potter's *Uncanonized* [McClurg. \$1.50] is hardly famous yet, but we shall be surprised if it does not grow steadily in favor. It is a remarkable story of the England of King John. Ernest Seton-Thompson's *Biography of a Grizzly* [Century Co. \$1.50], although unlike the ordinary story, quite equals the best of them in its charm and may not be overlooked here.

Somewhat less striking, yet thoroughly fine stories, are E. A. Dix's *Deacon Bradbury* [Century Co. \$1.50], an acute portrayal of a certain type of New England character; Irving Batcheller's *Eben Holden* [Lothrop. \$1.50], a similarly faithful study of a different type and one both cheering and affecting; and W. S. Davis's *A Friend of Caesar* [Macmillan. \$1.50], a painstaking and vivid representation of life in pagan Rome. *Knights in Fustian* [Houghton & Mifflin. \$1.50], by Caroline Brown, also is picturesque and significant, telling of the rebellious schemes of the so-called Knights of the Golden Circle in the West during our Civil War; and Rev. C. F. Goss's *The Redemption of David Corson* [Bowen-Merrill. \$1.50] is a vivid picture of psychological and religious evolution. Ralph Connor's *Black Rock* [Revell. \$1.25] is tender and ennobling. Mary G. Morrison's *The Sea-Farers* [Doubleday & Page. \$1.50] is unhackneyed and fascinating; and C. F. Embree's *A Dream of a Throne* [Little & Brown. \$1.50] is another dramatic, engrossing tale.

Richard Yea and Nay [Macmillan. \$1.50], by Maurice Hewlett, paints a picturesque portrait of Richard Cœur de Lion. C. G. D. Roberts's *The Heart of the Ancient Wood* [Silver & Burdett. \$1.50] makes skillful and romantic use of the power of some rare human beings to make friends with wild beasts. Dr. W. E. Barton's *Pine Knot* [Appleton. \$1.50], his best novel thus far, also merits mention; and so does J. U. Lloyd's dramatic *Stringtown on the Pike* [Dodd & Mead. \$1.50], and several other bright colonial novels, in addition to *To Have and to Hold*, e. g., Mary Devereux's *From King to Colony* [Little & Brown. \$1.50], R. N. Stephens's *Philip Winwood* [Page. \$1.50], and Rev. C. T. Brady's *The Grip of Honor*, dealing with Revolutionary times; Miss Wilkins's *The Heart's Highway* [Doubleday & Page. \$1.50], Miss Mackie's *A Georgian Actress* [Page. \$1.50], and Miss Goodwin's *The Head of a Hundred* [Little & Brown. \$1.50].

All the foregoing are by American writers. Over the ocean an equally tempting list can be compiled. There are W. A. Barry's *Arden Massiter* [Century Co. \$1.50] with its photographic reproductions of Italian commonplaces and mysteries alike; and Marie Corelli's erratic and absurd, yet able and even brilliant, *The Master-Christian* [Dodd & Mead. \$1.50]; and Mr. Barrie's bewitch-

ing, yet too disappointing, *Tommy and Grizel* [Scribner. \$1.50]; and Mrs. Ward's thoughtful character study, *Eleanor* [Harper. \$1.50]; and Mrs. Steel's newest Indian romances, *Voices in the Night* and *The Hosts of the Lord* [Macmillan. Each \$1.50] which are almost uncanny with their fascinating Oriental atmosphere. Then, too, there are Sienkiewicz's thrilling *Knights of the Cross* [Little & Brown. \$2.00]; and Jokai's dramatic *Debts of Honor* [Doubleday & McClure. \$1.75]; and Zola's warning to his nation, *Fruitfulness* [Doubleday & Page. \$2.00]; and Luis Coloma's piquant yet solemn *Currita, Countess of Alborno* [Little & Brown. \$1.50] doubtless the most exact picture of modern Spanish society ever drawn.

## SHORT STORIES

The average excellence of the collections of *Short Stories* during the year has been very high. Ralph Connor's *The Sky Pilot* [Revell. \$1.25] is as novel as it is touching and uplifting. Miss Jewett's *The Queen's Twin and Other Stories* [Houghton & Mifflin. \$1.25] exhibits her imaginative power and her charm of style at their best. Mrs. Kate Upson Clark's *White Butterflies* [Taylor. \$1.25] is wise, touching and amusing at once. Mr. William McLennan's *In Old France and New* [Harper. \$1.50] pleases by its local color and historic fidelity; and so does Mr. C. G. D. Roberts's *By the Marshes of Minas* [Silver & Burdett. \$1.25], which deals with Nova Scotia, especially Acadia. Bret Harte's *From Sand Hill to Pine and, even more, Jack London's The Son of the Wolf* [Houghton & Mifflin. \$1.25 and \$1.50] are rich in the piquant flavor of the Western frontier, and Frederic Remington's *Men with the Bark On* [Harper. \$1.25], although more cosmopolitan, is equally breezy and enjoyable. Nelson Lloyd's *The Chronic Loafer* [Taylor. \$1.25] is somewhat unusual and very entertaining.

C. W. Chesnutt's *The Wife of His Youth* [Houghton & Mifflin. \$1.50] and Virginia F. Boyle's *Devil Tales* [Harper. \$1.50] contain graphic Negro stories, the former dealing with the differences between mulattoes and the darker Negroes and the latter with the superstitions of the race. W. N. Harden's *Northern Georgia Sketches* and Mary N. Carter's *North Carolina Sketches* [McClurg. Each \$1.00] are full of feeling and are of some sociological value. Josephine D. Daskam's *Smith College Stories* [Scribner. \$1.50] and *Stanford Stories* [Doubleday & Page. \$1.25], by C. K. Field and W. H. Irwin, rank high in the college stories collection; and Mr. C. D. Hawkins's *For the Queen in South Africa* [Little & Brown. \$1.00] is one of the best of the literary fruits of the recent war.

## JUVENILE

The *Juvenile* literature also is of superior quality. Mrs. Earle's admirable study of *Child Life in Colonial Days* [Macmillan. \$2.50] is diversified, quaint and delightful. Mrs. Wright's *Three Colonial Maids* [Pilgrim Press. \$1.25] and Edith Robinson's *A Little Puritan's First Christmas* [Page. 50 cents] will be read again and again. Mr. Brooks's *Century Book of the American Colonies* [Century Co. \$1.50] is substantial as well as thoroughly entertaining. Scouting for

Washington [Little & Brown. \$1.50], by J. P. True, in the Hands of the Red Coats [Houghton & Mifflin. \$1.50], by E. T. Tomlinson, and Boston Boys of 1775 [Estes. 75 cents], by James Otis, are lively Revolutionary tales; while Mr. Otis's *The Armed Ship America* [Estes. \$1.25] tells of privateering in the War of 1812, and so does Rev. C. T. Brady's excellent *Reuben James* [Appleton. \$1.50]. In *Defence of the Flag* [Lothrop. \$1.25], by E. S. Brooks, has to do with our war with Spain; and Mr. Brooks's with Lawton and Roberts [Lothrop. \$1.25], Mr. Henty's *The Irish Brigade* and *With Buller in Natal* [Scribner. Each \$1.50], and Mr. Fenn's *Charge!* [Dutton. \$1.50] have their scenes mainly in the South African war territory and stimulate patriotism without often becoming unduly sensational.

G. C. Eggleston's *The Last of the Flatboats* [Lothrop. \$1.50] depicts well a once important form of our interior river trade. R. H. Barbour's *For the Honor of the School* [Appleton. \$1.50] and Eustace Williams's *The Substitute Quarter-back* [Estes. \$1.25] commend the right spirit in athletics. Mr. W. S. Phillips's *Just about a Boy* [Stone. \$1.25] and Eden Philpotts's *The Human Boy* [Harper. \$1.25] are shrewd, amusing studies of boy nature and conduct. *The Kinkaid Venture* [Pilgrim Press. \$1.25], by Kate W. Hamilton, and *Reels and Spindles* [Wilde. \$1.50], by Evelyn Raymond, both interest deeply and teach invaluable moral and spiritual lessons. Brenda, her School and her Club [Little & Brown. \$1.50], by Helen L. Reed, is another bright, suggestive story for girls. And for the younger children such books must not be overlooked as Lily F. Wesselhoeft's spirited *Doris* and her Dog Rodney [Little & Brown. \$1.50], Margaret Sidney's funny *Adventures of Joel Pepper* [Lothrop. \$1.50], Laura E. Richards's touching *Snow White* [Estes. 50 cents], and Katharine Pyle's quaint *The Christmas Angel* [Little & Brown. \$1.25].

#### HOLIDAY BOOKS

A large number of volumes already named of course have been issued for the holiday trade, but a number of others fall more properly, because of special attention to type, binding and illustration, into the class commonly called *Holiday Books*. Such are Prof. Franz Wickhoff's *Roman Art* [Macmillan. \$8.00], at once learned and beautiful; *The Psalms of David* [Revell. \$2.50], with felicitous illustrations by Louis Rhead; Messrs. Little, Brown & Co.'s fine new issue of Fitzgerald's rendering of the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam [\$2.00]; and Doxey's striking edition of the same poem, with biography, etc. [\$5.00]; F. S. Dellenbaugh's learned and handsome archaeological volume, *The North Americans of Yesterday* [Putnam]; another handsome illustrated edition of the late James T. Fields's *Yesterdays with Authors* [Houghton & Mifflin. \$3.50]; Elisabeth L. Cary's sumptuous *The Rossettis* [Putnam. \$3.75], with fine photogravure and other pictures; Dr. T. F. Wolfe's agreeable *Literary Rambles* [Lippincott. \$1.25]; Marion Harland's *John Knox* and *Hannah More* [Putnam. \$3.00], in the *Literary Hearthstone Series*; Prof. E. A. Grosvenor's elegant *Constantinople* [Little & Brown. \$4.00];

Mr. Garrett's dainty *The Pilgrim Shore* [Little & Brown. \$4.50]; Geraldine Brooks's attractive *Dames and Daughters of Colonial Days* [Crowell. \$1.50]; Helen E. Smith's instructive and engaging *Colonial Days and Ways* [Century. \$2.50]; and Miss Anne H. Wharton's delightful *Salons Colonial and Republican* [Lippincott. \$3.00]; Mrs. Earle's lively *Stage Coach and Tavern Days* [Macmillan. \$2.50], which bring back old times successfully; Clifton Johnson's handsome, entertaining *Along French Byways* [Macmillan. \$2.25]; the new and fine edition, in a box, of Elizabeth and Her German Garden and *The Solitary Summer* [Macmillan. \$2.50 each]; L. P. Powell's *Historic Towns in the Southern States* [Putnam. \$3.50]; *More Famous Homes of Great Britain and Their Stories* [Putnam. \$7.50], edited by A. H. Malan and rich in interest and beauty; Kate Douglas Wiggin's two fascinating volumes, *Penelope's Experiences in England and Scotland* [Houghton & Mifflin. \$4.00]; the beautiful reissue of Mrs. Sarah P. McL. Greene's *Vesty and the Basons* [Harper. \$2.00]; that of the late Mr. Westcott's *David Harum* [Appleton. \$2.00], equally handsome and even more famous; and the new and tasteful Dodd & Mead edition of Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter* [\$1.50]; the exquisite two-volume Harper edition of Mrs. Humphry Ward's *Eleanor* [\$3.00]; Mr. Page's new edition of the *Old Gentleman of the Black Stock* [Scribner. \$1.50]; *The Women of the Bible* [Harper. \$2.00], by Drs. Chadwick, Abbott, Potter, etc., with fine illustrations, including the beautiful *Kitchel Composite Madonna*; and Esther Singleton's *The Wonders of Nature* [Dodd & Mead. \$2.00], reproducing many famous scenes with vivid fidelity.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

As always some books have eluded natural classification. So we name them here as *Miscellaneous*. Such are Spanish Literature in the England of the Tudors [Macmillan. \$2.00], by J. G. Underhill, elaborate and informing; *The Evolution of the Novel* [Macmillan. \$1.50], by Prof. F. H. Stoddard, pointing out a tendency to become scientific and to interpret the deep things of life; *The Jeffersonian Encyclopedia* [Funk & Wagnalls], by J. P. Foley, a careful collection of Jefferson's utterances; Hon. Charles Allen's *Notes on the Bacon-Shakespeare Question* [Houghton & Mifflin. \$1.50], which dispute from a lawyer's point of view the claims in behalf of Bacon; and Prof. Flournoy's *From India to the Planet Mars* [Harper. \$1.50], which denies unwarranted but interesting claims of reincarnation and communication with the spirit world. Mr. W. G. Benham's *The Laws of Scientific Hand Reading* [Putnam], clearly sets forth the principles of Palmistry with illustrations, and Mr. F. K. Young's *Chess Strategies Illustrated* [Little & Brown. \$2.50] will rank with the classics of that game. *The Conquest of Arid America* [Harper. \$1.50], by W. E. Smythe, glowingly proclaims the triumphs and possibilities of irrigation. Helen M. Winslow's handsome, amusing volume, *Concerning Cats* [Lothrop. \$1.50], may have place here, and the *International Year Book for 1899* [Dodd & Mead. \$3.00], edited by F. M. Colby and H. T. Peck, is a

solid and timely addition to encyclopedic literature.

It only remains to append several little groups of volumes on special and current topics. Readers interested in the South African war may like to refer to the following books—*Briton and Boer* [Harper. \$1.25], by Hon. James Bryce and others, setting forth both sides; *The War in South Africa* [Macmillan. \$2.00], by J. A. Hobson; *The Boers in War* [Appleton. \$1.50], by H. C. Hillegas; *The Story of the Boers* [Harper. \$1.00], by C. W. van der Hooght, etc.; and *With Both Armies* [Scribner. \$1.50], by R. H. Davis, all four in sympathy with the Boers; and, on the side of the British, *Alleyne Ireland's The Anglo-Boer Conflict* [Small & Maynard. 75 cents]; Dr. E. O. Ashe's *Besieged by the Boers* [Doubleday & Page. \$1.25]; and G. C. Musgrave's *In South Africa with Buller* [Little & Brown]. Upon one or another aspect of the expansion of the United States Dr. Josiah Strong's *Expansion* [Baker & Taylor. \$1.00], Theodore Marburg's *Expansion* [Murphy. 15 cents], and *The Golden Horseshoe* [Macmillan. \$1.50], edited by Stephen Bonsal, deserve reading; and, in connection with the Chinese situation, Alexander Michie's *China and Christianity* [Knight & Millet. \$1.00], Miss E. R. Scidmore's *China, the Long-lived Empire* [\$2.50], A. R. Colquhoun's *Overland to China* [Harper. \$3.00], *The Crisis in China*, by Rev. Gilbert Reed, Hon. John Barrett, etc., and *China and the Powers* [Small & Maynard. \$2.00], by Alleyne Ireland, are valuable.

#### The Bible in Yiddish

The Jews of Russia, Poland and the east of Europe, many of whom have lately colonized large quarters of our American cities, almost all of them speak a mixture of Hebrew and German, with abundant additions from other tongues, which is known as Yiddish. Although generally considered a jargon, it has several distinct dialects, an extensive literature and many newspapers. The numerous books and papers printed in Hebrew letters and found on many newsstands and in the hands of readers in public conveyances are written in this tongue. To the vast majority of these Yiddish-speaking Jews Hebrew is a dead language, known only to the learned, and yet the only Bible to which they have had free access is the usual cumbersome and expensive Old Testament printed in Hebrew, with commentaries from the Talmud. To meet this need of a version in the vernacular, Mr. Bergmann of the London City Mission has just finished and sent out a version both of the Old Testament and the New in Yiddish, which will appeal to these six or seven millions of Jews who do not understand Hebrew, and it is being widely circulated. The permission of the emperor of Russia has been granted, says the *London Christian World*, for the free circulation of this version among the crowded millions of the Russian Yiddish-speaking Jews.

They say that it is an ill mason that refuseth any stone; and there is no knowledge but, in a skillful hand, serves either positively as it is, or else to illustrate some other knowledge.—George Herbert.



## The Literature of the Day

### John Morley's Cromwell\*

"Firm in his belief in direct communion with God, a sovereign Power unseen; hearkening for the divine voice, his steps guided by the divine hand, yet he moved full in the world and in the life of the world." This sentence, from one of Mr. Morley's repeated characterizations of Cromwell, supplies the keynote to the latter's life. He possessed in a very unusual degree the consciousness of the divine presence. Simple, direct, sincere as he was by nature, this consciousness meant more to him than it meant to most other equally devout men and it molded his career. Cromwell also lived, as Mr. Morley makes exceedingly clear, in an age peculiarly adapted for the leadership of such a man as he. The dominant Puritanism itself had separated into many zealous parties and the nation was in a state of spiritual ferment. Two principles had asserted themselves successfully in sharp contrast with previous English experience. One was that of free churches, the other that of toleration. Yet they were not comprehended thoroughly either in themselves or their inevitable consequences. That the government should not control the church was by no means believed, except by a few progressive individuals, and toleration was not generally understood to be properly universal.

England was struggling up towards the understanding of true democracy. It advanced a long step under Cromwell but soon lost much of its gain. As Mr. Morley declares, the effective revolution did not come until thirty years later and then was aristocratic rather than democratic. Cromwell did not succeed in turning the current of English thought and life permanently into the channels which he marked out for them. He failed in important particulars. He did not learn that a parliament, with all its faults, is rather to be trusted than an army, nor did he win a place among the original and constructive statesmen of history. But he recognized the great issue of his time, viz., whether prerogative were to be the basis of the government of England, and he taught the English people so much of liberty that, although they sought it often by methods distasteful to him and, indeed, did not adhere to his conception of the thing itself, they gained it substantially at last, and never to part with it, and their final victory was due in no small degree to Cromwell's action, example and influence.

Mr. Morley is a keen analyst of character and events. In telling the story of Cromwell's career he has left nothing in shadow which needed to be illumined. His portraits—of Charles, Strafford, Laud, Pym, Hampden, and others, as truly as Cromwell's own—are drawn with candor as well as vividness and with consummate realism. His unraveling of the confused web of conditions, circumstances and influences is more successful than was to be expected. The main outlines of fact are established beyond question. The career of Cromwell as private citizen, legislator, soldier, general, statesman and dictator is narrated with genuine sympathy yet with no failure of self-control and sound judgment. Out of the searching, sifting, weighing and balancing process—which none the less is fascinatingly interesting to the reader and as far as possible from seeming cold-blooded or mechanical—the hero's character emerges in undeniable grandeur.

It is no demi-god but a very human Cromwell who is here portrayed. It is a man who sometimes aimed amiss and more often went astray when pursuing a true aim; who made great failures here or there for lack of knowledge or of shrewdness to use what knowledge he had. Yet it is a good man and a great man, a pioneer in the long fight for civil and reli-

gious liberty, a brave, unselfish promoter of England's best welfare as he understood it, a world-figure, fairly deserving the honor which has been given him ever since his time. Mr. Morley's work goes much more into particulars than Governor Roosevelt's, which we recently noticed, and is far more scholarly and thorough as well by far the superior in literary graces. But the Roosevelt biography had a somewhat different purpose in view of which the fact that they differ so much is not specially to its discredit. Each is able and vivid, but Mr. Morley's is that which thoughtful readers, true students of history and character, will prefer.

### Our Political Parties

Here are three volumes on the same topic issued almost simultaneously. One is Hon. J. H. Hopkins's *History of Political Parties in the United States*;\* another, by Prof. J. P. Gordy, is the first of five intended volumes of a work bearing precisely the same title;† the third, by Prof. Jesse Macy, is called *Political Parties in the United States*,‡ but covers only the years 1846-61. Their topic never lacks interest or importance, and just at present, as the echoes of an exciting presidential election are dying away, and there is open criticism of each of the two great parties and more or less talk and rudimentary endeavor directed towards the formation of a new national party, its discussion is more than ordinarily pertinent.

Mr. Hopkins, an ex-congressman from Pennsylvania, has confined himself chiefly to history. He has outlined the origins and careers of successive parties, Federalists, Anti-Federalists, Democrats, Whigs, Anti-Masons, Free Soilers, Labor, Prohibition, Greenback, etc., stating the leading facts tersely and, so far as we can see, candidly, quoting sufficiently from platforms, and supplying important statistics. It is difficult to determine his own political sentiments. Among his conclusions are these: that both the two great existing parties have recognized the doctrine of State Rights; that the Democrats have been vacillating or equivocal upon the money question; that the Republicans have violated the Constitution in their reconstruction policy; and that both parties have been inconsistent in action upon the tariff and other subjects. The book will prove valuable for reference.

Professor Gordy's volume introduces a second, carefully revised edition of a work already known. Since that came out he has altered his opinion of Alexander Hamilton, now believing that Hamilton's political philosophy was held by a small minority of the Federalists who shaped the policy of the country up to the election of John Adams, that the measures due to this philosophy caused the overthrow of the party in 1800, and that there was little difference between the views of the majority of the Federalists then and those of the leading Republicans in 1815. This first volume comes down to 1809. The history discusses principles and policies intelligently and instructively.

Professor Macy's book belongs to the Citizen's Library of Economics, Politics and Sociology, edited by Prof. R. T. Ely. It deals primarily with our two chief modern parties. The first two chapters discuss the modern political party and the origin of American party system helpfully, and those succeeding are historical and critical studies of party issues, politics before the Civil War and now, the relation of slavery to that war, etc., the great failure of the Whig party being specially considered throughout. More limited in scope than either of the two foregoing

works, this one also concentrates attention upon certain features of its chosen period more than they. An occasional over-statement does not really lessen its essential candor and trustworthiness and it is written interestingly.

### Eleanor\*

This is Mrs. Humphry Ward's new novel. Although it hardly will be recalled hereafter as one of the famous novels of our time, it is a fine work. Like its predecessors by the same author it is carefully, conscientiously written. But it lacks that touch of enthusiasm which marks the really great novel. It exhibits a high order of talent but not genius. One admires it but does not warm to it. It interests but does not engross. It does not insist upon being thought about after it has been laid aside, like many stories inferior to it in intellectual and literary power.

The scene is modern Italy. The hero, an Englishman, Edward Manisty, selfish, moody and somewhat soured, brilliant in ability but a failure in political life, undertakes to demonstrate in a book that the struggles of the Italians for freedom have been wrong and that the absolute supremacy of the Papacy is the ideal condition. But he has to abandon his task, convinced of its impracticability, if not absurdity. The principal heroine, Eleanor, a widow and his cousin, is his amanuensis and literary other self, and loves him, and he fancies himself in love with her. Into their little circle enters Lucy, a New England maiden and something of a Puritan. At first repelled by her, Manisty falls fast in love with her. How she resists him and flies from him in her loyalty to Eleanor, and how Eleanor sacrifices herself for them, make up the balance of the book, of which the minor characters are equally well drawn and contribute effectively to bring on the climax.

The story offers a clear, faithful, effective picture of Italy as such visitors find it. Great skill is shown in selecting representatives of many types of Italian thought and life, especially Roman Catholic, and in maneuvering them, as well as in the descriptions of scenes and events. No other recent work exhibits evidence of more painstaking labor to master details and fix them in their settings truly. It impresses especially the unwavering effort of the papal authorities to take advantage of every means to gain their ends and the slow but irresistible progress against them of intelligence and freedom.

But the interest of the story after all lies chiefly in its actors, because their characters are so pronounced, so different and so well sustained. The mental struggles of Eleanor, realizing that her cousin no longer needs her and, having almost returned her love, has finally given his heart to her friend, her half-frantic attempts to prevent their engagement, and her rise at last to the moral height of surrender; the gradual dawn of love in Lucy's heart, her appreciation of Eleanor's feelings, her horror of being the cause of Manisty's coolness towards Eleanor, and her acceptance at last of Eleanor's self-effacement; and Manisty's transformation from the cold-blooded, selfish, absorbed student, fond of his cousin and half persuaded to offer himself to her, to the passionate lover of her friend; these are portrayed with masterful clearness and skill—yet ever from the outside, ever without causing one to forget himself, and with an occasional wish that the story did not take so long to be told.

The book deserves high praise, but not the highest. If Mrs. Ward only could lose herself now and then in her writing; could write because she must, and cannot resist, instead of because she has chosen to; could put not

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Henry Holt & Co. \$1.75. † Macmillan Co. \$1.25.

\* Harper & Bros. \$3.00 and \$1.50.

\* Century Co. \$3.50.

less head work but more heart work into her chapters; she would be the foremost novelist of our day. But apparently it is not in her to do this. Her conscientiousness is an example for others, and we well may be grateful that her best is as fine as it is, and not ask of her the impossible. There are two editions of the story; one, for holiday gifts, in two elegant volumes in a box and with full-page drawings; the other neat and handsome but not illustrated and less costly.

### Old Time Journeying

How Mrs. Alice Morse Earle manages to write so many books of such conspicuous excellence it is hard to understand. She has accumulated a great mass of material relating to colonial life and to that of the early part of this century in this country, and she knows how to embody it in books at once historically valuable and rich in varied interest. Her latest volume is *Stage Coach and Tavern Days*,\* one of the most entertaining of all.

Before the advent of the railroad, the necessities of travel by coach created a vast number of taverns throughout the country, and the difference between them and those in the cities and large towns was not so great as at present. They possessed many interesting characteristics and each had its recognized individuality. Its signboard, its t room, its ballroom, its specialties in cookery, and other noteworthy features were famous for scores of miles around. The gain in speed of modern travel and even the luxury of the Pullman palace car do not wholly compensate for the loss of the exhilaration of coaching in the open air and often through a beautiful country, and few of our up-to-date city hotels afford any more true comfort than the former inns.

Mrs. Earle describes in these pages a large number of these inns, or taverns, and the old stage-coaches, their drivers, teams and usages. Her volume is illustrated freely and admirably and one cannot help being glad that the bicycle and automobile gradually are creating a demand for local accommodation which will revive many of the inns of old. There will be less liquor drinking in them than in the past, because social usage in this respect has altered greatly and for the better, but they may reproduce in time the best features of their former attractiveness and success, although they are not likely ever to be what they were in the height of the coaching days.

This volume is one of the most tempting on the list of holiday volumes for the year. It reproduces an old-fashioned swinging tavern signboard in colors on its cover, and is printed and bound handsomely and issued in a box.

### The Apostolic Teaching and Christ's

The Kerr Lectures for 1900, delivered by Rev. R. J. Drummond, of Edinburgh, are out in this volume, *The Relation of the Apostolic Teaching to the Teaching of Christ*.† It is profound and even abstruse, the offering of a theologian and metaphysician to his fellow-experts rather than that of a preacher to his fellowmen. It exhibits the methods and manner of the accomplished critical student but it

lacks eloquence, although perhaps as moving as its method permits. There is no want of ability, sincerity or conscientiousness. But one would expect such a theme to be handled with less of the profoundly scholastic manner than some others.

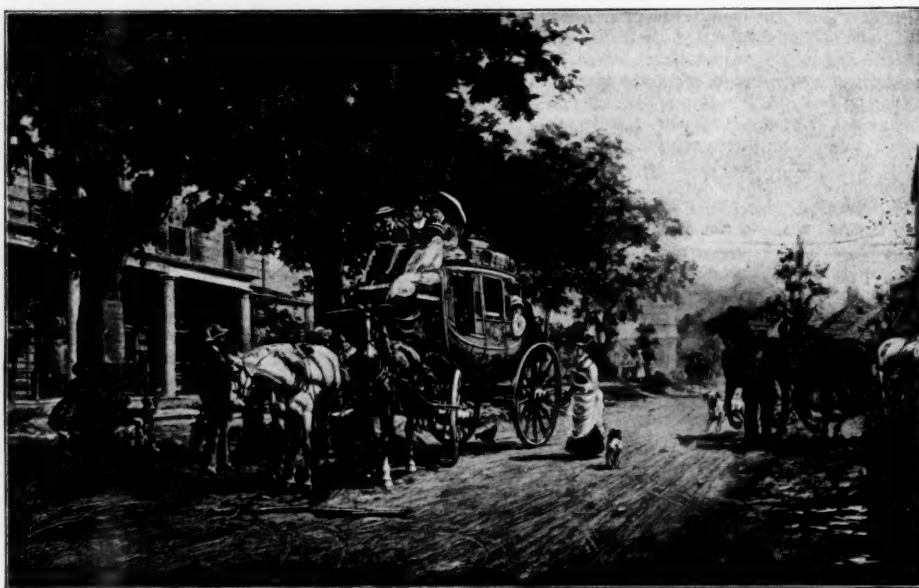
It points out that the disciples appealed to Christ throughout as their authority and regarded themselves merely as exponents of his teachings. Yet the personal element naturally caused differences in the form and manner of their teaching. But the truths which he held to be fundamental they regarded similarly. In substance their teaching was his teaching, and no modern dilution or modification of it would have been consented to by them. Naturally, however, their terminology often differed from his, even while embodying the same substance, and in New Testament study this divergence does not mean disagreement but rather difference of capacity, and may even be proof of fundamental agreement.

Moreover, different apostles give special prominence and emphasis to special aspects of Christ's teachings without thereby intending to disregard other aspects left in the background. Furthermore, in some instances Christ's followers, passing beyond his original utterances, have drawn deductions from them and developed them without thus failing

ways be a safe guide. But there is plenty of suggestion in these papers which is worth attention. Most of the great catastrophes in human history, he holds, have been due to the instinctive effort of humanity to adjust itself to changes in the conditions of life caused by the movement from point to point of the international center of empire and wealth. The French Revolution illustrated this, when the world's capital had definitely become London.

Civilization now appears to have entered upon another period of unrest, and this suggests study of the condition of Great Britain. Such study indicates, at the least, that the economic supremacy of London is being transferred to New York, a change which must inevitably affect the whole world, and must for some time cause international conflicts such as have begun. Mr. Adams has enough to offer in support of his theory to prevent careful students from dismissing it hastily as if undeserving of heed. The tokens of England's decadence in the West Indies and elsewhere as well as at home are not to be given too much weight but certainly may not be overlooked. But Mr. Adams pays too little heed to the tremendous saving power of the great body of intelligent, Christian Englishmen.

Mr. Adams points out, and it is rendering



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From *Stage Coach and Tavern Days*.

in loyalty to him. The argument for the reasonableness and propriety of this development is perhaps the most striking and significant portion of the work. The author guards himself carefully but argues in support of it, citing the history of the doctrine of the Trinity as an example, and suggesting appropriate tests to be applied.

The authority of the apostles, it is pointed out, although second to that of Christ, drawn from him and existent at all only because from him, is next to his and close behind his. Their unrivaled place in the esteem of the Christian Church belongs to them rightly. We must go through them to get to Christ himself. We may learn to know him even better than they knew him for we have the light thrown back upon him from Christian history. But we cannot dispense with them. The apostolic teaching cannot be set aside.

### Can We Afford Not to Expand

Six recent essays by Mr. Brooks Adams have been grouped in a volume called *America's Economic Supremacy*.\* They are unusually provocative of reflection as one reads them. The author takes wide and long views of nations and their affairs, and may not al-

useful service, that, if his theory be true, we of the United States are forced for our actual self-preservation to compete for empire. If we suffer our trade with China to be lessened or limited, as the troubles there find settlement, it will mean far more than a mere money loss to this country. It will involve a moral loss and will tend towards, if it do not bring about, our decadence as a nation. These positions reveal the novelty and significance of his views, and the timely and special interest of his chapters.

### The New Books

\* \* \* In some cases, books announced in this department will be reviewed editorially later.

#### RELIGION

*Apostolic Teaching and Christ's Teaching.* By Rev. R. J. Drummond. pp. 432. Charles Scribner's Sons. Imported. \$4.50.

*The Psalms of David.* Illustrated. By Louis Rhead. pp. 284. F. H. Revell Co. \$2.50.

A handsome holiday book. Paper, in two colors and tints. Type, page-borders and binding picturesque and attractive. Mr. Rhead's sixteen full-page and other illustrations are striking in conception and artistic in execution. The Oriental type of face is reproduced skillfully. The drawing of the pictures is simple but strong and full of action. They embody the sentiment of the text with dis-

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tinuous success, although they depict that which prompted the psalms illustrated rather than the actual language of the psalms themselves. An introductory study by Dr. N. D. Hillis is an additional attraction in the volume. The book is sold in a neat box.

**The Unaccountable Man.** By D. J. Burrell, D. D. pp. 310. F. H. Revell Co.

Another collection of the virile, devout and ever pertinent and stimulating sermons of one of New York city's most successful preachers. Takes title from the first, but all center about Christ. Specially fitted to interest young people.

**The Path of Life.** By Rev. George Hodges. pp. 248. Thomas Whittaker. \$1.00.

A score of strong sermons by the Dean of the Episcopal Theological School at Cambridge. Practical, earnest and popular, yet full of meat for thoughtful minds.

**The Man Paul.** By R. E. Speer. pp. 303. F. H. Revell Co. 75 cents.

Brings out the personality of the apostle with skill and success. Makes him seem real and living as a student, friend, citizen and apostle. Not novel but carries out its idea unusually well. A truly helpful little book.

**Christianity Supernatural.** By H. C. Minton, D. D. pp. 167. Westminster Press. 75 cents. Popular and at times rhetorical as if prepared originally for public delivery. A vigorous, thoughtful exposition. Special heed given to miracles. The supreme evidence rightly declared to be Christ himself. Will aid inquirers and young Christians.

**Why Infants Are Baptized.** By E. N. White. pp. 111. Westminster Press. 50 cents.

Argues that infants may fulfill the conditions prerequisite to baptism as the official initiatory rite of the visible church, viz., membership in the visible church, presumptive regeneration and capability of receiving spiritual grace, and therefore should be baptized. The first of these three points offers the most difficulty, which is met by advancing the theory of birth-right. The book is ingenious, able, candid and convincing.

**The Angels and Their Ministrations.** By R. M. Patterson, D. D., LL. D. pp. 132. Westminster Press. 75 cents.

Whether all of the author's deductions from Scripture are as trustworthy as he thinks may be questionable. But he has offered an interesting interpretation and exposition, and his book reminds the reader of facts or probabilities often disregarded and adapted to increase one's sense of the reality of the supernatural world.

**A Soul's Meditations.** Compiled by Mrs. J. H. Root. pp. 189. Bonnell, Silver & Co.

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An Artist's History of the Last Ten Years of the Nineteenth Century. By F. G. Attwood. Life Publishing Co.

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Vesty of the Basins. By Sarah P. Mel. Greene. pp. 271. Harper & Bros. \$2.00.

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The Great Painters' Gospel. By H. T. Bailey. pp. 66. W. A. Wilde Co. \$2.00.

The life of our Lord represented in a succession of pictures by famous artists rather than by printed text. What text there is merely introduces and connects them and supplies Scriptural references and suggestions. The works of a large number of the world's great painters have been reproduced and the idea of the book is novel. It is quite attractive and instructive.

Constantinople. By W. H. Hutton. pp. 340. Macmillan Co. \$1.50.

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A Little Tour in France. By Henry James. pp. 350. Houghton, Mifflin & Co. \$3.00.

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The Work of War Artists in South Africa. By A. C. E. Carter. pp. 32. International News Co. 75 cents.

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Most interesting. Also most valuable. The author's experiences as tramp and policeman render his narrative vividly realistic. His comments and suggestions should have the utmost weight. He believes that our police often, if not usually, are largely inefficient because of the influence of their superiors, who are practically bribed to prevent activity against crime. His statements as to the possibility of an uncorrupted railroad police force and of the extension of the merits of this system to our cities should be read by every public-spirited citizen. No one else is making more important contributions towards solving the tramp and kindred social problems than Mr. Flynt.

The Story of the Soldier. By G. A. Forsyth. pp. 389. D. Appleton & Co. \$1.50.

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A New Study of the Sonnets of Shakespeare. By Parke Godwin. pp. 306. G. P. Putnam's Sons. \$1.50.

The author disputes current theories of the purpose and significance of the sonnets, and advances one of his own. It is based upon critical exegetical study of the text. He finds one central explanatory sonnet; a few unconnected and independent; a group commonly understood as an appeal to a young man to marry, but really to multiply himself intellectually and spiritually by verse-writing; two groups of love poems, the second of which describes an irregular attachment; and a final group relating to the poet's communion with the personified Genius of Poetry. The second part of the volume contains the sonnets rearranged in the order suggested by the author's theory. There is much to be said for this proposition and students of Shakespeare will be greatly interested in weighing it. The volume is exceedingly interesting.

Episodes from The Winning of the West, 1769-1807. By Theodore Roosevelt. pp. 247. G. P. Putnam's Sons. 75 cents.

The cream of this valuable and popular work is here offered in a shorter but not less interesting book. It is alive with the vigorous, inspiring courage, energy and patriotism of the men

described and of large interest and importance for many reasons. Young people will appreciate it.

The Pearl of the Orient. By G. W. Browne. pp. 162. Dana Estes & Co. \$1.50.

An account of the Philippines, their peoples, products, resources, government, religion, history, etc. Familiar facts retold agreeably and with many good illustrations. A good book, although others have done the same work in much the same way.

International Law. By F. E. Smith, B. C. L. pp. 184. Macmillan Co.

A scholarly little hand-book, not too large for the pocket, setting forth the practice of nations as it now is. Useful not only for lawyers but for students and, indeed, for the general public. Will be a valuable addition, for reference, to many private libraries.

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## MISCELLANEOUS

The American Slave Trade. By J. E. Spears. pp. 232. Charles Scribner's Sons. \$2.50.

America's Economic Supremacy. By Brookes Adams. pp. 222. Macmillan Co. \$1.25.

The Peace Conference at The Hague. By F. W. Hollis, D. C. L. pp. 300. Macmillan Co. \$3.00.

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Notes of an Itinerant Policeman. By Josiah Flynt. pp. 253. L. C. Page & Co. \$1.50.

in facts and commendable for the simplicity and clearness with which its statements are made. The work of an expert but intelligible by anybody. A good book for the family library.

**A Garden of Simples.** By Martha B. Flint. pp. 307. Charles Scribner's Sons. \$1.50. Takes title from first of more than a score of agreeable essays, dealing chiefly with herbs, plants, vegetables and flowers but also describing natural scenery and gathering flowers from ancient poetry. Fragrant with the odors of garden, field and woods. An out-of-door book yet one to be enjoyed at any time and anywhere. Shows unusual keenness in observation and true grace in narration.

**Nature Studies from Ruskin.** Compiled by Rose Porter. pp. 374. Dana Estes & Co. \$1.50. Choice, characteristic selections, introducing the reader to many of Ruskin's most suggestive and stimulating thoughts. Printed and bound handsomely.

**Poetry and Morals.** By Rev. L. A. Banks, D. D. pp. 399. Funk & Wagnalls Co. \$1.50. Anecdotes and poetical quotations of a moral or religious sort.

### Literary Notes

Biographies are unusually prominent in this year's literary product in England. Huxley, Coventry Patmore and Lady Theodora Martin—Helen Faucit—are among the most recent.

The sculptural ornamentation of the Pan-American Fair at Buffalo is to be more elaborate than anything of the kind ever attempted. Nearly or quite every sculptor of note is at work preparing groups or individual figures.

The St. Louis depository of the Western Methodist Book Concern has been transferred to Kansas City. The *Central Christian Advocate* has migrated with it. The move locates it more nearly at the center of its trade.

Hon. J. W. Foster, author of *A Century of American Diplomacy*, which we recently noticed, has been in our diplomatic service longer than any other man in our national history, with the single exception of John Quincy Adams, whose experience therein was less diversified.

Sir George Reid, president of the Scotch Academy, has painted a life-like portrait of Principal A. M. Fairbairn, D. D., of Mansfield College, Oxford, and widely known to American Congregationalists. It is on exhibition at the New Gallery, and Messrs. Hill and Saunders, of Oxford, have reproduced it in a beautiful autotype, copies of which will soon be obtainable here in Boston. It is as fine a piece of artistic work as it is excellent as a likeness.

Messrs. Charles Scribner's Sons have just held their sixth annual exhibition of fine American and foreign book bindings. This has become one of the conspicuous features of the literary and artistic year in New York. It is having a marked and helpful influence upon the quality of bindings produced in this country. Seventeen French binders are represented, twenty-four English—including four women—and eleven American—including three women. The court binder at Berlin also has sent a handsome volume.

The sale of the first section of the Thomas McKee library in New York last week brought good prices on the whole. A copy of Poe's *Tamerlane and Other Poems*, of 1827, of which only three copies are known to exist, brought \$2,050. A copy of his *Al Araef, Tamerlane and Minor Poems*, of 1820, brought \$1,150. A copy of the 1845 edition of *The Raven* brought \$610. A specimen of the first edition (1650) of Anne Bradstreet's *The Tenth Muse Lately Sprung Up in America* sold for \$450. One of Roger Wolcott's *Poetical Meditations* (1725), the first volume of verse printed in Connecticut, brought \$900. The original manuscript of John Howard Payne's *Home, Sweet Home* brought \$90. The next section of the library consists chiefly of works on the drama, and will be sold early in January.

## Chicago and the Interior

### Deliberate Murder

Not for a long time has the moral sense of the better people of Chicago been more shocked than by the shooting in the back on his way to work, Saturday morning, Nov. 24, of Harry Farress, foreman in John A. Gauger & Co.'s sash and blind factory. The murder seems to have been carefully planned and was executed by men who thus far have eluded all attempts to secure their arrest. The company for which Farress worked, owing to the strike of woodworkers, had been compelled to employ non-union men. The unions have disavowed any knowledge of the deed, but so long as it is necessary to keep a force of forty or fifty policemen to protect non-union men on the Mandell Building in the very heart of the city such disavowals will carry little weight. On crowded State Street men going from their work on this building have been seized and brutally beaten, and till within a few days neither the mayor nor his chief of police moved a finger for their protection. There certainly is no objection to labor unions, but there is a serious objection against their interfering with men who want to work, but do not belong to these unions, and yet are satisfied with fair wages for a fair day's work. The murder on Saturday is by no means the first of its kind, nor is the escape of the murderer at all surprising.

### The Peril of Non-Union Labor

The serious phase of the labor problem here is that the labor guilds seek to determine the hours which shall constitute a day's work, the price which shall be paid for it, and who shall be employed to do this work. Although in the aggregate a great many non-union men manage to secure employment, there are few of them who feel that their lives are entirely safe. Mr. Farress left a widow and children dependent upon his earnings for their support.

Thanksgiving morning one of the largest business houses in the city issued an open letter to laboring men, in which, after asserting its approval of unions, it stated its purpose of erecting in the near future a store and warehouse, provided it can be sure that organized labor will not interfere with its plans. It appealed to members of the unions to assert their personal liberty, and closed by saying that if they continue to submit to the dictation of incompetent and selfish leaders, the store will be built entirely by non-union men or not at all. The letter is written calmly, and is signed by members of a firm as conspicuous for its honorable treatment of its employees as are its wealth and its present prosperity. There can be no doubt that this letter expresses the feeling of the majority of the business men in Chicago. They favor labor unions, but they are unwilling to hire men who are compelled to do whatever unprincipled leaders may order them to do.

### Put Up Thy Sword

This is the title of a volume written in the interests of arbitration and peace by Rev. J. H. McClaren of Princeton, Ill. The book was favorably reviewed at the last Ministers' Meeting by Rev. Sidney Strong of Oak Park. But interest was awakened, not so much in the book, though it was commended for its style, its candor, its research and its spirit, as in the question whether war is always wrong. Dr. Strong believes it is. A good many of the brethren agree with him. He expressed his views rather vigorously, and some were constrained to enter their protest against them. In particular it was affirmed that Christian men took part in the Civil War because they were Christian men, and could not conscientiously do otherwise, and that the same has been true to some extent in the Spanish War.

### Epidemics of Crime

Epidemics of crime are not unusual in Chicago, at any rate. Since election hold ups,

quarrels in saloons, often with a fatal termination, housebreaking and petty thievery have greatly increased. The lack of protection in those quarters of the city where it is most needed has been conspicuous. Indeed, both the mayor and chief of police deny that the increase in crime is at all surprising or unusual. Nevertheless, public sentiment has compelled the officials to remove policemen from the center of the city to districts of the city which have been almost neglected. The council has authorized the employment of additional policemen, but this will accomplish little so long as saloons keep open all night and gambling continues. Then, too, Chicago is the Mecca of the tramp. He has free lodging at the police station, free lunches at many saloons, and he is not compelled to work. Probably more than 3,000 tramps have already found their way hither. There are laws by which these men can be made to work, but they are not enforced.

### Social Function of the Saloon

Till recently the part the saloon plays in the social life of a community has not been carefully considered. The report of Royal Loren Melendy of the University of Michigan, after a six months' investigation of the 163 saloons in the seventeenth ward, Chicago, shows that the saloon seeks to anticipate and minister to the neighborhood necessities, and in this way has become not only a social center, but often the working man's club. Free lunches are given at 111 of these saloons, business lunches at 24 of them; 147 are supplied with tables, 139 with papers, 44 with billiard tables, 56 with stalls, eight with music, six with dance halls, and three only allow gambling. Each saloon secures the patronage of men of the same trade, race or political notions. Here they gradually learn to drink, here the masses study politics and here nominations for office are made. A saloon-keeper somewhat superior in intelligence to his customers can easily direct their thoughts and in many ways make himself essential to their happiness. In some saloons there are rooms heated, lighted and furnished without cost for neighborhood meetings. These saloons are not all boisterous, nor do they compel visitors to buy wine or whisky. But they manage to render their existence in the neighborhood an apparent social necessity. The problem is to furnish something as useful in the community and more attractive than the saloon. There is the necessity for recreation, for food, more of which is given away, according to this report, than is supplied by all the charity organizations of the city, for business appointments, for social gatherings, for a center for receiving and distributing the news. This cannot be done under the forms of charity. Coffee houses, club houses, fraternity lodges can attract the persons who ought to be reached only when they appeal to them on business principles. While in Chicago Mr. Melendy resided at The Commons, in the November number of whose paper his report first appears.

FRANKLIN.

Dr. Abbott explains, in his article on the Episcopalians last week, that the reason why the Church Congress in Providence was held in a Methodist house of worship was because Episcopal churches are never used for purposes with which *applause* may properly be connected. We are reminded of an incident which recently occurred to a Christian Boston business man. Being in the office of a Jew late on a Saturday afternoon examining goods, the Jew handed him a match and requested him to light the gas, explaining that the Holy Scriptures forbade him to do this, and quoting Ex. 35: 3: "Ye shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the Sabbath Day." But he added that he was glad to avail himself of the service of a Christian to supply his need.



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During his round of visits that day he had come to old Uncle Billy Woodyatt, who "enjoyed" at once, as he said, "poor health and a second wife." "No," said Uncle Billy to the minister, as he sought from him sympathy for his various troubles and came at last to the subject of his second wife, "No, I ain't got nothing to say against this one, but my first was an 'angel.'"

And Rev. John Brown laughed bitterly as he repeated quietly to himself, "nothing to say against her—but the first was an 'angel,'" then he added softly "poor thing." Then he began musing while the fire burned, and said again, "Poor thing, to come after an 'angel,' but it's just my luck, too. There was my brother Bob, his pants lasted longer, his boots were always better blacked, his lessons better learned, and if I said anything out of the way it was: 'Bob would never have said that or done the other thing.' At school old Dominie Wilson used to say, 'Your brother Robert would never have made that mistake!' In the games, too, no matter how well I did, the boys used to say to the new comers, 'O, but you ought to have seen Bob Brown.'"

"In college Cousin Tom was the 'angel,' and won all the medals and delivered the valedictory and was held up to me by all the professors and now"—and there was an ill-defined mumble that sounded very much like "bother take it," "and now—it's worse than ever. Nothing to say against me! O, no! not at all, but 'the first was an angel,'" and again the rather grim laugh echoed through the lonely room, for Rev. John Brown, B. A., was only human and a good deal tired besides and rather disposed to be blue.

Now John Brown was naturally a cheery, hearty fellow, a good average student and athlete, a fairly good preacher and a thoroughly honest above-board fellow, whom all men as well as women liked and children all trusted. But today he had had a considerable overdose of "the angel." "The angel" in this case was Rev. Frederic Kittering, Ph. D., John's immediate predecessor in the pastorate of the Evanston Congregational church. He was a good man, there was no doubt of that, for John knew him, but, as John said, "You know the fellow must have been an 'angel,' for Deacon Jones said, 'Mr. Kittering used to hold prayer meeting every Tuesday evening at Bolton's Corners and Wednesday in our home church and Thursday at the Landing,' while Deacon Sitwell, who lived eight miles in the other direction from Deacon Jones said: 'Yes, sir, rain or shine, Mr. Kittering never missed a prayer meeting Tuesday evening at the Glen schoolhouse' (ten miles from Bol-

ton's Corners and at the same hour) 'and Thursday at the Old Union Church in Springfield' (thirteen miles from the Landing)."

Then John learned that Mr. Kittering used to preach "every" Sunday afternoon in two places sixteen miles apart at the same hour and, moreover, that he "was the greatest man for exchanging with his brother ministers," though when he got the time John could not tell.

Then about visiting, at least forty families told John that Mr. Kittering used to visit "a great deal oftener than you do. Why, you're quite a stranger. He used to come and bring Mrs. Kittering and spend the day with us once every month at least." "Forty into thirty-one doesn't go with me," said John to himself; "the fellow must have been an angel and not subject to the usual limitations of space and time."

But that wasn't all, for three different sick folks claimed the honor of Mr. Kittering's Monday afternoons. With all that, as Mr. Barber put it, "Mr. Kittering, sir, was a great visitor; he was always on the road." "He must have been," John very feelingly replied. "O, the depth of Mr. Kittering's sermons," said old John McLeod, more familiarly known as "Holy John"; "that mangled days and nights in his study." "Just so," said John, and I am afraid he meant more than he said.

Beyond all this, Mr. Kittering could sing like a lark, draw on the blackboard like an artist and play the organ like an angel. John couldn't do any of these things, but he heard that Mr. Kittering could. Mr. Kittering gave lectures in the college, was a popular stump speaker and even wrote poetry which the choir sang to music of his composing. He was grand worthy something of the Sons of Temperance, the Independent Order of Woodcutters and the Brotherhood of Fraternal Unity and apparently the life and soul of them all and a regular attendant at every meeting.

His Sunday school addresses were wonderful, his funeral orations deeply sympathetic, his power in prayer remarkable and his visits to the sick a real means of health. Everywhere he went John heard of him and the singing of his praises, but at last this very afternoon John had gone into Widow McCamus's, and there on the mantel in the very center stood the photo of Mr. Kittering. "O," said the old lady, "but he was a darling."

So as the fire died down John got bluer and bluer. It seemed no use. He knew they must be unconsciously exaggerating, for at least no man could be in two places at once, but after such a man could there be any chance for a plain, humble man to win their hearts and do good work?

Just then John thought of Uncle Esek Martin, who in his later bachelor days sought comfort in the form of a widow and found it not. One day she led him to the cemetery where reposed the remains of her first husband. There she wept so copiously that Uncle Esek lost

patience and said to a friend he button-holed, "I'd give ten dollars if she only had him again." And John thought too, "Well, I'd give something if they only had their angel, Mr. Kittering, back."

But being young and a healthy Christian John took his Bible, turned to the verse which says of a certain woman, "She hath done what she could," and said to himself, "Well, the Master knows I have tried to, so it's all right with him," and giving himself a mental and spiritual shake turned into bed.

All the same he couldn't forget Kittering. He didn't get any chance to, and when a year later the way opened for his long cherished desire to go abroad as a foreign missionary I am afraid there was just a little Kittering mixed in with the application he sent in for a place to do pioneer work, "not building on any other man's foundation." He went to the Congo after the usual addresses and presentations and farewell meetings, all of which John, being modest, set down to the fact of his going as a foreign missionary.

A year later still the same John, but tanned and a little thinner, under the thatched roof of his mud-walled hut, reading of the appointment of Rev. Alex Saunders, a very decent fellow, to the Evanston church, having in mind "the angel," sat down and wrote him a letter of sympathy in view of the excellencies of Kittering.

Six months later again Rev. John Brown made the very walls of his hut to ring again with hearty laughter when the mail came in. Between spasms he handed the letter to his colleague. It was from Alex Saunders, and this is all it said:

*My Dear Brown:* Thanks for your letter, but human nature is still the same. The fish we lose is always bigger than any we catch. Distance lends enchantment to the view. There was nothing personal in your experience. Kittering isn't in it. *You are the angel now.*

## The Personal Christian Life

IX.

BY REV. FLOYD W. TOMKINS

1. You say: "Our spiritual natures grow by meeting and mastering trouble." How does God wish us to meet sorrow, particularly the sorrow of giving back to him those dear to us? And what is meant by the expression, "God revealed himself to me in my sorrow?"

Ah, how many of us have asked that question! But the answer is clear, if only we will accept it. If we love God, then all things must work for our good [see Rom. 8: 28]. Sorrows become messengers of mercy, and pain is an angel of love, and trouble is God's hand, heavy at first, but afterwards full of strength. When we realize this, then the bitterness passes away and we have met and mastered the trouble. I called this week to see a lady both of whose arms were broken in an accident last summer. "Every day the doctor comes and works the fingers and hands and arms to make them limber, and O, how it hurts," said



the lady. And then pretty soon she said: "There is no doctor like him, so gentle and skillful." You see she knew the pain he gave her was for her own good. So it is that we, God's children, look to him and love him because he is developing us and making us like himself. Therefore God wishes us to meet sorrow bravely and thankfully, not necessarily without tears because tears are a relief, and Jesus himself wept, but as intelligent men. Particularly is this true regarding death. We sorrow, but not without hope. God reveals himself because we seem so near to the other world, and he tells us so many comforting truths, and spiritual things seem more real than material things.

Angel of pain! I think thy face  
Will be, in all the heavenly place,  
The sweetest face that I shall see,  
The sweetest face to smile on me.  
All other angels faint and tire;  
Joy wearies and forsakes desire;  
Hope falters, face to face with fate,  
And dies because it cannot wait,  
And love cuts short each loving day,  
Because fond hearts cannot obey  
That subtle law which measures bliss  
By what it is content to miss.  
But thou, O loving, faithful pain—  
Hated, reproached, rejected, slain—  
Dost only closer cling, and bless  
In sweeter, stronger steadfastness.  
Dear patient angel, to thine own  
Thou comest, and art never known  
Till late in some lone twilight place  
The light of thy transfigured face  
Sudden shines out, and, speechless, they  
Know they have walked with Christ all day.

## 2. Can I realize my own growth in righteousness?

Only indirectly. When I am climbing a mountain the distance I have come seems as nothing compared with the height still awaiting my ascent. So when I think I have made some progress, if I place myself by the side of Jesus I am so wretched that I despise myself. The Bible seems to teach that our growth in holiness is gradual, within us and unknown. When we see Jesus at last then we shall be revealed as we are. But during the battle of life we can be encouraged and assured by something better than self-study: (1) If I love to think of and study Christ then I must unconsciously partake of his nature. (2) I must see myself as by God's grace I am to be when the work is finished. That is the way God sees me—just as the sculptor sees not the block of marble, but the statue which is hidden in it. (3) If we use the means of grace which God has given, prayer, Bible study, communion, etc., then we can be certain of advance because God has promised. (4) We can remember that it is not ourselves outside of Christ or apart from Christ, but ourselves in Christ, who are perfect. If I abide in him, love him, pray to him, talk with him, then no matter how weak I am in myself, in him I am perfect.

## 3. Is faith unreasonable?

Faith is not contradictory to reason, but beyond it. It is always founded upon reason, but it grows up above the foundation and is superior to it, though never independent of it. True faith never clashes with reason. Faith does not say, "two and two make five," but it can say, "God has infinite power," though reason cannot grasp infinity. Practically, however, our faith wants to be a reasonable faith. It must be such as to draw men by its balance and consistency. It must

apply itself to daily needs and daily work. It must interpret God as Jesus interpreted him in terms of human relationship, as our Father, our Friend, our Helper.

There is a dogmatic faith, that is, a faith based upon exact statements regarding God's nature and work; and there is an emotional faith, that is, a faith drawn from one's own longings and needs and from God's tender words of compassion. These are both good and necessary in their place. But the faith needed today, both by us men and women individually and by the world at large, is that which brings God into our daily lives to help us and to lift us up. Such a faith talks to God as naturally as to a friend; it looks to God for help in adding figures or washing dishes or teaching children just as much as in praying or reading the Bible or visiting the sick. That is what is meant, I think, by a reasonable faith. It is a faith which appeals to men and draws them to God.

O, dear Lord, grant us such faith that, knowing thee as our constant Friend, we may so live in conscious nearness to thee that men may love and trust thee in spite of themselves. Keep us from vague ideas and hard dogmas, and may our faith come into ever richer fullness through our love and experience. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

## Important News from Japan

BY REV. J. H. PETTEE

There is plenty of it. And this is owing, among many causes, to a new cabinet, a new proposal for peace negotiations in China, new government regulations regarding reforms in simplifying the writing of the language, new police instructions by which licensed prostitutes can abandon at pleasure their life of shame, new bribery scandals affecting high officials, new openings in all directions for evangelistic efforts, a new conference of Protestant missionaries marked throughout by a new baptism from on high, and busy preparations for conducting an aggressive campaign during the opening months of the new century.

### Civic Changes

Marquis Ito's cabinet, just organized, marks a further step taken toward the goal of party politics. It is so constructed as to control a majority vote in the Diet while still standing for the monarchical principle of primary responsibility to the emperor. Japanese sentiment insists on this dizzy, double-headed, on-the-fence method of governing a nation. Marquis Ito can do it more ably and successfully than any other living Japanese.

Japan is not losing head over the high praise she is receiving from all the world over her valorous, brilliant conduct in China. She is steadied by the new sense of weighty responsibility devolving upon her in connection with her relations to outside nations.

### The Fight for Virtue

Thanks to the efforts of an American missionary in Nagoya by the name of Murphy, to the Salvation Army, to Hon. S. Shimada, a Christian politician, and to other influential Japanese and, perhaps, most of all—to its credit be it added—to the Japanese press, there has been a tremendous social agitation over the question of licensed prostitution.

Dramatic results have followed close upon the heels of drastic measures. New police regulations now make it possible for the inmates of houses of legalized vice, hitherto hopeless slaves, to leave at their option. Christian reformers have freed at least forty

such unfortunates during the past two months, and the papers report that during the past forty-two days in the one city of Tokyo 429 contract prostitutes voluntarily left their life of shame, and that suicide, formerly very frequent among this class of women, has practically ceased.

### The Great Christian Conference

But the chief item of news relates to a grand conference of evangelical Protestant missionaries held in Tokyo, Oct. 24-31.

About 450 missionaries and their friends were in attendance. Thirty or forty of these were from China.

Rev. Dr. J. D. Davis of the American Board Mission was elected chairman. Some thirty-three elaborate papers on every department of missionary activity were read. Many of these were packed with information or helpful suggestions. Also a dozen other briefer papers were presented. A vigorous but always good-natured discussion of rigidly enforced two-minute speeches, together with music of a pleasing variety, prevented monotony.

Of many resolutions adopted one contained a respectful address to the emperor, another referred sympathetically and hopefully to the situation in China. Still another took high ground on the better observance of the Sabbath.

Nearly all the others, except two or three of minor importance, breathed a remarkable spirit of unity and looked toward further interdenominational, interracial co-operation. The advance in this respect from the position of a few years ago and even the fears of many today was a marked feature of this conference, the fourth ever held in Japan, the previous one being held at Osaka in 1883. Union of heart and union of effort, looking toward a closer corporate union, but not by forcing the issue prematurely, was the watchword of the great gathering.

As samples of the *bon mots* served we mention the following: "The glacial age of the Orient is breaking up." "The new conservatism so apparent in Japan to-day is not a home product, but came from the West. Its two most striking characteristics are a new conception of nationalism and a new conception of the value of the individual." "The number of Christian societies now laboring in Japan is thirty-six. This is just double the number in 1883." "Eighty-five Christian periodicals are now registered at the office of the home department." "English literature far more than that in the vernacular is molding the thought of educated Japanese today." "Charities, like higher criticism, should be in the hands of the friends of Christ and of his Bible." "New men, that is, renewed men, are needed for the new century."

Several Japanese made brief addresses of a most appreciative and optimistic order. Colonel and Mrs. Buck gave the missionaries a delightful reception at the American legation one evening, and, furthermore, made a handsome contribution toward defraying the expenses of the convention. Through the kind offices of Mr. Hara, the well-known Christian prison chaplain and ex-convicts' friend, a party of the missionaries visited ex-Premier Count Okuma's beautiful gardens and were favored with an hour's conference on matters of public weal with the distinguished statesman himself. The count is passionately fond of rare orchids and chrysanthemums and possesses the fine-t collection of the former in Japan. One of his characteristic remarks was: "A lover of flowers cannot harbor evil in his heart." The party saw three chrysanthemum plants (they ought to be called small trees) each of which contained fully 1,000 blossoms.

The land that can produce such beauties of nature, such specimens of manhood and such missionary gatherings, albeit exotic, is ready for the duties of a new century.

It should be added—lest Americans feel that she is out of the count—that so impressed

were the members of the American Board mission who were in attendance upon the meeting with the urgent opportunities opening before them that they voted unanimously to ask for four new families at once to help reap the harvest that surely is coming. It is Japan's newest call for the new century. It merits a hearing. It must be heeded.

Okayama, Japan, Nov. 1.

## As to the Missing Link

BY PROF. A. E. DOLBEAR

In my article on *The Century of Science* in *The Congregationalist* of Nov. 10, I spoke of the discovery of the missing link, and inquiries began at once to be received as to the particulars, and as to where one could find the published accounts.

It is with this as with very much of the later acquired knowledge—it has not found its way out of the technical journals. To be sure, the most of such knowledge is of no immediate importance, but everybody is interested in such a matter as this because it modifies in some way the thinking on other matters. It is a kind of scientific leaven that changes the structure of one's philosophy of things. The doctrine of evolution applied to man required an ancestry intermediate in structure between man as he now is and the highest apes, for the differences are too great to be bridged by a saltatory process.

Evidences for the antiquity of man have been abundant, his handiwork showing a greater degree of rudeness and crudeness as it was more and more ancient; but his skeleton had perished along with those of the myriads of animals that were contemporary with him. A few scraps had been found, like the Engis and the Calaveras skulls, but the data were not convincing and the question as to the existence of a structure of unquestionable lower type was still an open one until lately.

Dr. Dubois, a surgeon in the Dutch army, stationed in Java, found in 1891 and 1892 a skull, the left femur and a tooth in a volcanic deposit which belongs to what is called the Tertiary period. The bones were well fossilized. He studied these fossils most carefully and reported his find in 1894, together with his opinion that they were the remains of an ape-man, which he named *Pithecanthropus Erectus*.

The announcement met with incredulity, and all sorts of reasons were given for thinking that Dr. Dubois was mistaken, but so great was the interest that the doctor was permitted to take his precious fossils to Europe that they might be scrutinized and judged by the most competent there. The result of the investigation was reported by Prof. O. C. Marsh to the National Academy of Science in Washington in April, 1896. He said that the whole subject was gone over by anthropologists, zoologists and geologists in a most thorough and judicial manner, and that the evidence was strongly in favor of the view that the skull is not human, while it indicates an animal higher than any anthropoid ape known now. Professor Marsh himself examined the structures, and his own opinion he thus expressed:

Dr. Dubois has proved to science the existence of a new prehistoric anthropoid form, not human indeed, but in size, brain power and erect posture much nearer man than any animal hitherto discovered, living or extinct.

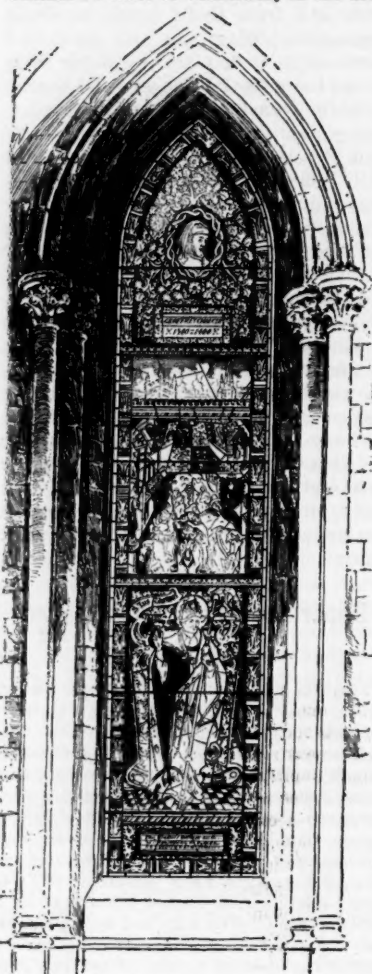
This conclusion is now the one generally accepted. For the benefit of those who care to read more extensively about it I append a number of references.

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Science, Jan., 1895, pp. 11, 193. Proceedings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1899, p. 326; and most science journals for 1895 and 1896.

## Recent Honors to Chaucer

The glass in the lancet window reproduced here was unveiled in the Collegiate Church, Southwark, London, Oct. 25. It was designed by Mr. C. E. Kemp of Nottingham Place, London. The Canterbury pilgrims setting forth on their journey are depicted in the main panel. The top panel contains a portrait of Chaucer. In the bottom panel is a figure of Thomas à Becket of Canterbury in the act of



From the London Chronicle.

bestowing a blessing. Chaucer's connection with this part of London is not absolutely demonstrable, but there is ground for the assumption that he knew it somewhat. Alfred Austin, the poet laureate of England, spoke on Chaucer at the dedicatory service.

## In and Around New York

### An Auspicious Outlook for Dr. Stimson's Church

At the annual meeting of Manhattan Church the trustees reported that \$60,000 had been subscribed toward the building fund and presented plans for the new edifice. These were accepted and the work will be started at once. The architectural style of the building will be French Gothic and the materials will be brick and terra cotta. The lots owned by the church are on Broadway near Seventy-sixth Street, and the new structure will be an addition to the handsome ones being erected all along upper Broadway.

### Roman Catholic Laymen Confer

A second step in the process of federating the lay Roman Catholic organizations of the country was taken in this city on Thanksgiving Day, although the final step is not to be taken until next May, when a meeting is to be held in Cincinnati. Thirty-five men, representing over one million membership in insurance and social societies, were present, and

throughout their consultations there ran a wholesome sentiment. They were themselves fine types of vigorous manhood. They began and closed their deliberations with prayer, and there was in no single address anything savoring of zeal that sought to be fostered at the expense of other interests. Other religions were mentioned by several of the speakers, and always with the utmost respect. That which the delegates strove to attain was a common ground, upon which all Catholic laymen might labor together for their advancement along educational, religious, social and civil lines.

### Another Type of Roman Catholics

That there are two schools of thought among the Roman Catholics was shown in this city on Thanksgiving Day. In the afternoon laymen talked like Americans; in the evening, at a reception tendered by the Catholic Club, Archbishop Corrigan talked like a fifteenth century monk. The fine company of men present included not only the flower of the Roman Catholic laity of New York, but also Controller Coler, a Methodist, ex-Mayor Hewitt and Commodore Gerry, Episcopalians, and Edward Lauterbach, a Jew. The main part of the archbishop's speech was a description of a supernatural phenomenon, witnessed in Naples on his recent trip abroad. He recited the details with much impressiveness, and clearly sought to make his hearers appreciate the great weight he himself attached to what he related. Very particularly the archbishop detailed the impossibility of any power but a supernatural one bringing the change about, and concluded with an air which said plainly that all present ought to worship a God who could perform such wonderful things.

### A Broad Religious Platform

The New York State Conference of Religion began its three days' meeting in the Church of the Holy Communion, Nov. 20. The first speaker, Rev. Leighton Williams, general secretary of the conference, said that as the world grew older the distinction between theology and religion was becoming more apparent and that people were showing a disposition to unite in religion even though they might be far apart in theology. For this reason the Conference of Religion was held and all denominations and creeds were invited to take part. Dr. Slicer said that the scheme of the conference was to reduce religion to a unity without attempt at uniformity. "There is but one religion," he said, "and that is the relation of the soul to God." Dr. J. M. Whiton and Mr. Henry D. Lloyd spoke on the subject of the Ethical Progress in the Nineteenth Century. Both were optimistic and stated that the improvement in morals in the past hundred years was marked.

Three sessions were held Wednesday and three Thursday. Most of the subjects treated by the twenty-five or more assigned speakers related to the power of the religious forces of the world, the possibility of greater union in worship, and the necessity for making a greater effort along political and civic lines. A committee of the conference has prepared and published a book of common worship, in which are found selections from the Jewish and Christian scriptures, and from the Hindu, Persian, Egyptian, Buddhist, Grecian, Roman and Mohammedan ethnic scriptures. The distinctive feature of the meetings was the participation of representatives of many different denominations and faiths.

### Another Dinner to General Howard

A dinner was given in honor of Gen. O. O. Howard by the Congregational Club at the Pouch Mansion in Brooklyn Nov. 26. A large number were present and the occasion was almost as notable as the dinner given to the same man at the Waldorf-Astoria a few weeks ago. Major-General Brooke spoke for the army and Rear-Admiral Barker for the navy. Other speakers were Dr. Hubbell and Dr. Abbott.

C. N. A.



## A Maine Round Robin

Consulting State Editors: Rev. Messrs. C. D. Crane, Yarmouth; E. M. Cousins, Biddeford; E. R. Smith, Farmington; H. W. Kimball, Skowhegan; H. E. Lombard, Cherryfield; and Mr. W. P. Hubbard, Bangor

**Knowing and Doing** Now that our state and county conferences are over, is it not a good time to remember the distinction Jesus so often made between knowing and doing? Is it too much to assume that, deficient and poorly managed as some of our conferences may have been, they have brought to our attention many helpful methods of work? While we should not be in too great haste to adopt all plans proposed, not even such as others have used with abundant success, are we not sure that there are some things that we might wisely undertake? The employment of a parish visitor, perhaps, or catechetical instruction, or neighborhood meetings, or a normal class, or a course of lectures. But in spite of the knowledge and conviction, do we not find ourselves failing to overcome our present inertia, and inclined to move along in the usual routine way? "If ye know these things, blessed are ye if ye do them."

### The Present Temperance Agitation

An attempt to enforce the prohibitory laws is apparent, such as has not been witnessed before for a long time. While not affecting all sections alike, its influence is so extended that it may be called epidemic. The cause cannot be far separated from the recent state election. Of the sheriff nominees of the regular parties the Republicans fell nearly 7,000 votes and the Democrats about 1,800 behind their respective nominees for governor. This independent vote of nearly 9,000 is the handwriting on the wall seen by Maine's astute political managers. A power for righteousness that has been quietly breaking up the ground and sowing the seed is the Christian Civic League, a non-partisan and non-denominational organization which has existed about three years, but has had a paid executive officer in the field but about a year and a half. Its first aim has been to "educate the people in all that pertains to good citizenship."

### Abuse of Legislative Generosity

At a recent pedagogical meeting in Augusta, President Hyde searchingly exposed a misuse of state appropriations in aid of numerous academies. For many years schools under private control have received special appropriations of several hundred dollars each, varying according to size and need. Undoubtedly the motive has been to enable them to develop a better grade of work. Actually, however, as President Hyde points out, the effect in many cases has been that these schools and their constituencies have come to rely upon state aid as their chief source of support, this, too, in the maintenance of an inferior quality of instruction. The state's generosity has been abused. It has tended to pauperize rather than to inspire to better work.

Clearly, if the state is to continue this custom, it should have a guarantee that the institutions aided conform to some common and worthy standard of instruc-

tion. This, we understand, is what President Hyde would have the state insist upon—not the total abolition of state grants. We have academies which, thanks to state aid and an intelligent public sentiment, perpetuate the traditions of the old-time country academy and prove by their fruits their value in our educational system. But the list of aided schools should be reduced to such as can do genuine, honest work of a high grade. The next legislative committee on education should study and act upon President Hyde's presentation of the situation. He deserves the thanks of all citizens for calling attention to these facts.

### Of Interest in Portland

With the close in February of the second decade of Christian Endeavor Portland is anticipating a gathering that shall surpass all she has hitherto seen in connection with this organization. The plans include meetings which in quality of speakers and leaders shall rival the national conventions. A special feature will be the unveiling of a tablet which shall mark Williston Church as the birthplace of this world-wide movement.

This gathering will find Williston going forward with increasing usefulness and power under its honored leader, Dr. Smith Baker. A Sunday school missionary has been placed in the parish to quicken and deepen the influence of the church in this direction. Though its field for aggressive missionary work is not large, yet we may expect that all possible will be accomplished.

Without the missionary worker, but with quite as promising a field, West Church, under the inspiring plans of its new pastor, Rev. J. R. Boardman, is entering upon a campaign of varied activity. Already new workers are enlisting, additions are being made to the membership, men's and women's clubs are at work and the Sunday school has passed the high-water marks of the past.

At the other end of the city Rev. A. H. Wright of the St. Lawrence Church has recently been asked by his people to mark the close of his thirtieth year as pastor by recording the efforts to build the beautiful edifice they now enjoy. In response he embodied the story in a sermon, which was published in the local papers.

E. M. C.

### Yarmouth's Varied Activities

This church has entered upon an aggressive winter campaign. Mrs. Nellie Gray, who for two years has been employed by the Maine Missionary Society, has been secured as pastor's assistant and parish visitor, and will remain till after the January communion. She is especially adapted to personal work, and will visit throughout the entire parish, which is scattering, holding cottage and neighborhood meetings and making her influence felt in quiet ways. A young men's band of workers, composed largely of academy students, is holding Sunday afternoon services in the various districts. The pastor has arranged a course of lectures which includes the names of Drs. Smith Baker, W. H. Fenn, James L. Hill, Prof. H. L. Chapman, D. D., of Bowdoin and others. The last named is to lecture on Robert Burns on the latter's birthday, Jan. 25. To the course of six entertainments every young man in Yarmouth not over twenty-five receives a free ticket.

The pastor has a class of young people pre-

paratory to church membership. He also has charge of the Junior work and devotes a part of the hour to catechetical instruction, using Miller's Catechism for Children's Training Classes. The women have just sent barrels to Georgia and North Dakota, and are preparing a box for a faithful worker in Maine. The recent transfer of the Endeavor meeting to Sunday night, making that the only service, is working admirably. The attendance Sunday night is larger and at the midweek service it is doubled. The older church members are delighted.

C. E.

### Our Bangor Letter

The Parish House of Central Church, described in my last letter, is increasingly a source of convenience and delight, especially in carrying on the Sunday school department and for social gatherings. This is said to be the first building of its kind in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, but this would not long be true if the advantages of such a structure were appreciated. Though erected primarily for the Sunday school, it is also used as a night school for girls, evening classes being held in bookkeeping, penmanship, music, etc. It is rumored that at an early day a new church edifice will complete the plan of which the Parish House is the beginning.

The Maine Missionary Society has received \$1,000 from the estate of Anna Eliza Goodwin of Chelsea, Mass., in trust for the church in Buxton, where her grandfather used to worship—a practical evidence of interest in the "old home."

On Thanksgiving Day the Bangor churches united in services at the edifice of the Unitarians, the address being by Rev. A. B. Lorimer of the Second Baptist, the newest and, with scarcely an exception, the youngest pastor in the city.

First Church mourns the loss, at the age of eighty-one, of one of its most highly gifted and best loved members—Mrs. Catherine McGaw, wife of Hon. J. B. Foster and mother of Rev. J. M. Foster of the Church of the Redeemer, Boston; also of Deacon John S. Ellis, a man of strictest integrity, who was sixty-two when he died.

PHILLIPS.

### Professor Sanders Declines

It will please the friends of Yale to learn that Prof. Frank K. Sanders has declined the call to the presidency of Iowa College, although they would of course be glad to see that flourishing Western institution have so good a man for its head. The fine scholarship and teaching talent of Professor Sanders have been well recognized, but the new Yale will demand also men with capacity for administration; and it is this which especially marks him as a man to be kept for the Yale of the new century. He now occupies a university chair, Biblical literature, and not a Divinity School chair; but immediately upon the resignation of the dean, Professor Fisher, a few days ago, Professor Sanders was mentioned as a worthy successor on account of his resource and organizing capacity. No change will probably be made until after the bi-centennial next fall, but there seems to be a tacit understanding that he will then be transferred to the Divinity School.

The Master chose leaven, not varnish, for his parable of the kingdom; the goodness must work from within outwards; merely to splash it on the surface is a mockery and a sham.—Rev. W. R. Huntington, D. D.

## Life and Work of the Churches

### The Handmaid of Religion

More and more, pastors are coming to appreciate the value of music in preparing the mind for truth and deepening its impressiveness. Here are a few instances in which they welcome the aid of this winsome ally.

The oratorio *Elijah* has been sung in various cities by oratorio societies, and selections from it are frequently rendered at church services; but it has peculiar impressiveness when presented with the accompanying Scripture passages, with explanations to enhance its significance and with the thoughts it inspires. This was the experience at four recent Sunday morning services at Dane Street Church, Beverly, Mass. Four groups of selections from the oratorio were taken in their order, the first including the famine music, the second the events on Mt. Carmel, the third the juniper tree scene and the fourth the experiences on Mt. Horeb, with the closing parts of the oratorio.

The brief opening exercises of each service were calculated to prepare the audience for what was to follow. The Scriptural selections, enriched by the comment and explanation of the pastor, introduced the scene, the circumstances and the characters, forming a picturesque setting for the music, which added its vivifying touch to reproduce the experiences rehearsed, making the persons live, feel, think and act again. Then the sermon pressed home the most vital and helpful truths, which through the music had won ready entrance to heart and mind.

The chorus numbered twenty, six doing solo work. The pastor conferred constantly with the musical director, and attended the last of the twelve rehearsals for each service. Opening exercises took twenty minutes, Scripture and introduction fifteen, sermon twenty and oratorio music about thirty minutes. The words were printed and given to the audience.

A number of less difficult musical productions could be treated in a similar way. One point should be emphasized. It is usually a mistake to omit remarks from a special musical service, or to put them at the close. They should come first, and prepare the audience by indicating the significance of the words and music about to be sung. The spiritual impressiveness of these services was marked, perhaps exceeding, the pastor thinks, what would have been obtained from evangelistic services or a conference for deepening the spiritual life. But it is too soon to determine their permanent value.

Porter Church, Brockton, Mass., has resumed its five o'clock vesper services with C. Lee Williams's cantata, *A Harvest Song of Praise*. The choirmaster, Mr. George Shaul, is drilling a small chorus of selected voices to aid the quartet, and promises four more cantatas, one to be given on each first-of-the-month Sunday till April. These comprise Barnby's *Rebekah*, Buck's *The Coming of the King*, Stainer's *The Daughter of Jairus* and Mendelssohn's *As Pants the Hart*. Between these will be held services on various hymn writers, as Cowper or Ray Palmer, illustrated by the singing of their hymns.

The Phillips Society connected with the Congregational church in Saugus, Mass., has given the cantata of *Esther in the Town Hall* on two consecutive evenings, reproducing the deliverance of her people by the Hebrew maiden, with a good measure of artistic success.

The magnificent new Howard organ of First Church, Holyoke, containing over 2,000 pipes, was inaugurated with a recital by the organist, Mr. William C. Hammond, who rendered selections from Schubert, Rubinstein, Bizet, Guilmant and others.

At West Torrington, Ct., Rev. T. C. Richards has been conducting a series of musical serv-

ices with these subjects: Hymns that Have Worn; Gospel Hymns and Their Story; Hymns that Have Helped; Christian Unity in Our Hymns.

The Niagara Square Church of Buffalo, N. Y., announces a School of Vocal Music in which graded classes will be instructed, for a nominal fee, beginning with the rudiments and leading up to advanced chorus work.

A novel method of securing a choir has been adopted by the church in Madison, Wis., which provides fifteen scholarships in various schools of music. The beneficiaries, who are chosen by competent musicians, with the leader, constitute the choir and, in return for their training, are expected to attend every rehearsal and to sing at the Sunday services.

The pastor of First Church, Portland, Ore., Rev. A. W. Ackerman, aided by the choir—which all who attended the last meeting of the National Council remember with delight—is giving the most educative series of musical services we have known of recently. They are held on the last Sunday evening of each month from September to July. The program is so suggestive and well arranged that we reproduce it:

#### THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHURCH MUSIC

Ambrose. A. D. 397. Music as a War Cry.  
Gregory the Great. A. D. 550. Music and Christian Unity.  
Palestrina. 1524-1594. Music the Handmaid of Religion.  
Bach. 1685-1750. The German Emphasis. Special organ music.  
Henry Purcell. 1658-1695. Reaction from Puritanical Psalmody. The English tendency. The use of the choir and instrumental music.  
Stainer's *Crucifixion*. (Good Friday).  
Lowell Mason. 1792-1872. The American Development. Service of song by the congregation. The Gospel in Song.  
The oratorio, *The Prodigal Son*, by Arthur Sullivan.

### Essex South Happenings

Quiet old Essex! never dead, nor dying, but content to go more slowly than the rest of the world, which comes down, now and then, in squads to look us over and buy our antiques. But they can't buy our church life. That is not for sale. Vacant pulpits are an almost unknown feature among us. Only one exists, the Central of Lynn, and time would fail to tell of the multitudes ready to man that!

South Church, Peabody, is always doing some generous thing for the kingdom, for its pastor and its own community. The latest is a substantial addition to the meeting house, providing a fine study and church parlor. Rev. and Mrs. Hall gave their people a delightful reception in the new rooms.

Rev. J. W. Buckham, the scholarly pastor of Crombie Street Church, Salem, gave an enlightening paper a recent Sunday evening to the united congregations on the Salem Martyrs or Witches, and clearly proved the noble character of most of the nineteen victims of the awful delusion and tragedy which has given the Puritan city such unenviable notoriety. It was a strong plea for the erection of a suitable monument on the site of their execution. It is sincerely hoped that something practical will result from this renewed effort to honor their memory. Curiously enough, in the midst of the address, a black cat, with yellow eyes and tail erect, marched down the aisle directly before the speaker, and looked him in the face, as if to challenge every disparaging word respecting the association of the "Imp of darkness" with such as he. The audience, instead of being horrified, "laughed right out in meeting"—as who wouldn't now? Assuredly, times have changed since that day when some one's life would have been imperiled by such an apparition!

Essex South and Salem Association, at their last session, heard among other excellent

papers and addresses a fair review of Professor Palne's new book on *The Evolution of the Trinity*. The listeners may not be specialists in criticism, but the trend of comment, in this strong Unitarian region, was against the professor's interpretation of church history. Not many are yet "advanced" enough to deny the miraculous birth of Jesus, or the Johannine authorship of the fourth gospel. Twenty-seven ministers sat down to the lunch spread in Tabernacle Chapel.

Attention has lately been drawn to the spire of South Church, Salem, which, with the whole building, has recently been repaired and repainted. It is claimed that this is the best specimen of such architecture in the country, being, in the main, a reproduction of one in London by Sir Christopher Wren. It is noteworthy that the succession of pastors in this parish had not, at the time of Dr. Atwood's death, during a period of 112 years, been broken for a single day. Rev. J. F. Brodie, now in his twelfth year of service, equals the best of his predecessors in fruitful staying qualities.

The Congregational Club held a strong meeting, Nov. 19, in Ames Memorial Hall, Salem. It was a missionary evening, President Capen and Secretary Barton of the American Board and the Ewing brothers, missionaries to China (and Essex County boys during their school and college days), being guests. Each speaker was "the best." Dr. Barton's showing of how the contributions of the churches are expended was original and masterly. Would that all the grumblers and stale objectors to the "sending of a dollar to heathen lands because it costs another to get it there" might hear him! They would be dumb on that subject thereafter.

An instance, refreshing and notable, of fidelity and thrift in the care of trust funds was lately witnessed at the dedication of the Perley Free School in Georgetown. Forty years ago Mr. John Perley died, leaving a bequest of about \$30,000 to found a free school in the place of his birth. A considerable part of the property was in woodlands in various states, and the personal was mostly unremunerative. At the time of erecting the present building, the trustees had at their disposal for this purpose interest-bearing securities of nearly \$130,000—more than four times the amount received by them from the executors of the will. In consequence, they have been able to present to the citizens of Georgetown, free of cost, a structure hardly surpassed in the state for simple beauty and equipment, offering educational privileges the equal of our best high schools. An ample endowment makes this a perpetual gift to all who will avail themselves of its advantages in coming years. All honor, we say, to those whose caution, foresight and integrity have thus put future generations under obligation to themselves, no less than to the thoughtful and generous benefactor of his native town. Spite of all the shocking betrayals of confidence among professed Christian men, there are, as there always have been, vastly more true public servants than knaves and hypocrites within the church. Prof. G. H. Palmer of Harvard, in the dedicatory address, fittingly commented on such faithful stewardship.

LUKE, *pro tem.*

### The New Pastor at Stafford Springs, Ct.

Edmund Alden Burnham, son of Rev. Michael Burnham, D. D., of St. Louis, and a graduate of Hartford Seminary, was ordained to the ministry and installed over this church Nov. 23. The sermon was preached by the candidate's father, and the charge to the pas-



tor was given by his predecessor, Rev. E. W. Bishop, now of Concord, N. H.

A notable feature in the call that led to this settlement was that it was voted on the very day that the previous pastor preached his farewell sermon. His last pastoral act was to preside over the meeting at which the call was voted. The council embodied in its minutes a special vote commending the church for "its wise method in avoiding the disturbing and inharmonious custom of hearing many candidates and for promptly securing a man whose choice rested upon his record and the testimony of those who knew him rather than upon any transient comparison with other men."

### Lowell Movements

For the second time this year our churches have been called in council to dismiss a brother pastor. As in the case of the pastor of Pawtucket Church, the resignation of Rev. C. L. Merriam was made necessary by ill health. It is confidently expected that this will be speedily restored in the bracing air of Pelham, N. H., where he is to supply for a year. No church could give its pastor stronger tokens of grief at separation than Highland has given. The closing services on the 25th were marked by many such evidences and by a tender celebration of the Lord's Supper, at which six persons united on confession. At the farewell reception a purse of over a hundred dollars was presented and the council added cordial indorsement of Mr. Merriam's decade of work, both as a friend and a successful pastor.

It is reported that the three vacant churches will soon be supplied with pastors, but the only one to take formal action as yet is the Pawtucket, which has invited Rev. William G. Poor, formerly of Keene, N. H., to supply for a year. It is confidently expected that the society will ratify this action.

North Chelmsford held a jubilee meeting Nov. 20 to rejoice over the payment of the mortgage on the church. The debt was incurred on the house of worship which replaced the one burned in 1893. The united efforts of the Ladies' Aid Society and the Men's League have been crowned with complete success. Amid the peals of the church bell the mortgage was set on fire by the present pastor, Rev. R. W. Dunbar, whose enthusiasm has sustained the workers, and by his predecessor, Rev. S. I. Briant, under whose watchful fidelity the edifice was built. Special music, congratulatory addresses by Lowell pastors, poem and reminiscence served to express the joy of the people. Nor should the record fail to note the dainty souvenir programs.

At the city's Thanksgiving service a vigorous sermon was preached by Rev. W. A. Bartlett, D. D., of Kirk Street Church. In some suburban villages it has been found advantageous to have union Thanksgiving services on Wednesday evening.

Rev. G. F. Kennigott at the First Trinitarian is having marked success with his series of illustrated lectures on Sunday evening. Not always is the capacity of the auditorium equal to the attendance, and some late comers have had to go elsewhere. The subject has been Books that Illustrated the Christian Life, and among those already considered are Ben Hur, Quo Vadis and The Last Days of Pompeii. Others announced are The Sign of the Cross, The Christian and In Darkest Africa. This church has so large an attendance of the young at its fortnightly socials that it has been found necessary to provide a special room for them in which they may be entertained under proper supervision and without interfering with the quieter tastes of their elders.

G. H. J.

Newspaper reports are in circulation that Prof. G. D. Herron and others associated with him are interested in founding a new college

and so-called socialistic colony in Michigan. Professor Herron is our authority for saying that these stories are pure fiction.

### From the Badger State

#### THE AUTUMN CAMPAIGN

The heading may suggest politics and Wisconsin's majority of 106,000 for McKinley; but I intend to confine my report to matters ecclesiastical. It may be proper to say in passing, however, that our ministers and churches had something to do in creating so strong a sentiment for the policy of the Administration. The issue of anti-imperialism, even among independent voters, found here scant support, and I have been surprised to find that some ministers, regarded as stiff prohibitionists, supported this year the Republican candidate. Most of our clergymen seem sincerely and religiously to believe that our policy of expansion is in the line of duty and destiny. Hence Mr. Bryan appeared to them a faithless obstructionist.

#### DOCTRINAL PREACHING

The recent convention at Green Bay revealed decided interest in theological discussion and the return to a type of preaching which, on account of special pressure for things practical, had become somewhat rare.

Rev. J. W. Frizzell, pastor of First Church, Eau Claire, who, because of the evident devotion of his people, recently refused a call to Dubuque, Io., has for two years been teaching his people much after the method of the theological pastors of earlier New England. This work has been warmly received and appreciated, not only by the church, but by many in the community in other churches or of no church at all who have wanted this kind of teaching.

Even the pastor of the one church in the state supposed to be distinctly institutional within a year has led his people through two courses of sermons dealing exclusively with questions speculative and theological. The first course, finished last Easter, has been given to the public in a little but weighty volume entitled Moral Evolution, by Judson Tittsworth, minister of Plymouth Church, Milwaukee. The second course, on The Christian View of God and the World, closed Nov. 18. The topics are such as these: God, The Creation, The Nature and Dignity of Man, Sin, Historical Self-revelation of God, The Atonement. These sermons, I am told, have awakened special interest and have been more drawing than many on supposedly popular topics. The success of Dr. Tittsworth's volume on Moral Evolution leads his friends to hope that he will soon publish this course also.

#### EDITOR AND PREACHER CHANGE PLACES

As a corrective to overmuch theology, perhaps, the same versatile pastor took editorial charge of the *Milwaukee Journal* for one day, and in return Mr. G. F. Grassie of the editorial staff spoke from the Plymouth pulpit on the following Sunday evening on The Function of the Newspaper. The sensational features of the Topeka experiment were lacking, for the minister did not attempt to be a reformer; but the editorial matter for that issue was of a high order and the pulpit utterances of Editor Grassie—who, by the way, has ministerial blood in his veins—were commendable.

J. H. C.

### Clubs

NEWTON.—At the November meeting the topic was Prescriptions for Social Ills. Dr. W. T. McElveen showed the insufficiency of many proposed remedies—such as improving men's environment, education, enforcing good laws, the process of social evolution—and exalted the gospel as the one sufficient remedy.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—The fall meeting was held with Plymouth Church, Syracuse. The address by Dr. F. E. Clark, on What the Boxers Have Done for China, was followed by after dinner speeches. It was voted to reorganize the club and to attempt to make the membership 200.

CLEVELAND.—The November meeting, which marked the twenty-fifth anniversary, was largely attended. Ninety-five new members were proposed at this and the previous meeting. Notice was given of an amendment limiting membership. Dr. Boynton made an address.

WESTERN MICHIGAN.—The fall meeting was held at First Church, Grand Rapids. The Government and the Missionaries was discussed, by Rev. A. B. Curtis from the standpoint of the missionary societies, and from the standpoint of the Government by Congressman W. A. Smith of the Foreign Affairs Committee. Rev. H. E. House, lately on the staff of Gen. Yuan Shih Kai of Shantung, made the address of the evening on China and Its People.

### The Message of the Martyrs

No occasion in all the rich and full life of Pilgrim Church, Cleveland, since the memorable days of the dedication of its present home, has so thrilled and uplifted the people as the recent memorial service in honor of Horace Tracy Pitkin, member and minister and martyr of this church.

He early turned from the calls and charms of wealth and business in complete devotion to the work of foreign missions; was active in his academy life at Phillips, Exeter, N. H., where memorial services were held for him a week earlier; greatly quickened the missionary interest in the university while a student at Yale, which lovingly remembered him on this same day; and threw himself with great and fruitful zeal into the student volunteer movement, so that before he ever set sail for China he had done far more than many do in a lifetime. But he crowned the great work already done when, as the representative of Pilgrim Church, he went the martyr road at the early age of thirty-one. By personal acquaintance and constant correspondence he had greatly endeared himself to the church, fully justifying the wisdom of the plan to bring each church in touch with some particular man to be supported as its own missionary.

A Martyr's Message was the title under which Rev. C. S. Mills preached from "He, being dead, yet speaketh." The address consisted largely of words of testimony from those who had known Mr. Pitkin best, giving witness to his singular devotion and power. The entire service was of unique spiritual power.

The union service in memory of Oberlin's martyr members of the Shansi Mission, held in Second Church, was deeply impressive. The eight members of the Shansi Mission connected with the two churches—two-thirds of the total number—were these: of First Church, Dr. Dwight H. Clapp, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Price, Miss Mary L. Partridge; of Second Church, Mr. Ernest R. Atwater, Mr. Francis W. Davis, Mr. George L. Williams and Miss Rowena Bird.

Mr. L. D. Wishard, representing the American Board, said that the message of those who had given their lives would be that as the Chinese are worth dying for so they are worth living and sacrificing for by Christian Americans. Rev. C. N. Pond referred to the personal history of each of the eight members and their connection with the Shansi Mission.

Prof. E. I. Bosworth referred to the lasting effect on the lives of their college associates and classmates, of the suffering and sacrifice of these men and women. Prof. H. C. King, who planned at one time for service on this same field, pointed out the personal qualities

which endeared them to all with whom they came in contact.

F. M.

### Among the Seminaries

ANDOVER.—Rev. C. M. Sheldon was cordially welcomed at Andover. He addressed the students of Phillips Academy and Abbot Academy in the morning, held later a conference with the Society of Inquiry of the seminary and neighboring ministers, and spoke to a crowded audience in the evening at the Seminary chapel. He paid a warm tribute of gratitude to what Andover had done for him in the years of his preparatory and theological training, and aroused great interest by his manly, common-sense treatment of the practical problems of Christian life and work.

C.

OBERLIN.—Rev. C. M. D'Aubigne recently addressed the students. Rev. E. B. Haskell of Salonica, Turkey, was the missionary guest of the seminary, Nov. 9-16, holding half-hour meetings every noon. He has a charming personality and his work was thoroughly acceptable. All members of the seminary but two, aside from the Slavic department, elected Dr. Burroughs's Old Testament Theology. The Macmillan Company has in press Professor King's new book, *Reconstruction in Theology*, and Longmans, Green & Company Professor Swing's *What Is Ritschlianism*, an introduction to the theology of Ritschl and an answer to Professor Orr's criticism of him.

Dr. G. R. Merrill, H. M. superintendent for Minnesota, has given three lectures on Public Prayer which were unique and thoroughly helpful.

-M.

CHICAGO.—Prof. M. W. Jacobus of Hartford Seminary will teach the Juniors in the New Testament. By concentrating their work on a single subject they will be able to go over the usual amount of ground in the time at his disposal. Professor Zenos of McCormick Seminary will have the upper classes twice a week through what is called two periods of the seminary year. It will thus be seen that ample provision has been made to furnish instruction in Professor Gilbert's department during his absence.

Prof. George A. Coe of Evanston has lectured on *The Psychological Basis of Salvation*. He is the author of a book on this general theme which has received high praise. No lecture this session has made so deep an impression or given so great satisfaction.

W.

HARTFORD.—Interest in foreign missions continues to be well sustained. President Martin of the Imperial University in Peking addressed the seminary, Nov. 13, and his stirring account of the siege of that city as well as of present opportunities was enthusiastically received. The following evening the students had the privilege of hearing and meeting Rev. E. S. Hume, the well-known missionary of the American Board in Bombay. More recently Rev. A. H. Ewing of the Presbyterian Board Mission in India, now representing the Student Volunteer Movement, spent a day or two at the seminary. In addition to the courses in missions presented in the curriculum, two voluntary classes are studying the work, respectively, of the American and the Presbyterian Boards. These are perhaps even better attended than the similar classes last year. Of the students now enrolled in the seminary about one-fifth expect to take up foreign work, and it seems safe to predict that most of the remainder will be "missionary pastors."

The Conference Society has held bi-weekly meetings during the fall. Among the speakers have been Rev. E. DeF. Miel of Trinity Episcopal Church, who treated the practical question of dealing with Roman Catholics in parish work, and Mr. Johnson of the Middle Class, who gave an account of the little known German reformer, Caspar Schwenkfeld, and his followers in this country.

Hartford Seminary is fortunate in the frequent use made of its chapel by other organizations. In this way the students have lately had the privilege of hearing a most interesting lecture on Literature as a Personal Resource, given by Mr. Hamilton W. Mabie before the Froebel Club of Hartford, an address to the Archaeological Club by Dr. E. J. Banks, who expects to excavate the site of ancient Ur, and two excellent concerts under the auspices of the Hartford School of Music. W.

### Record of the Week

#### Calls

BICKERS, WM. H., Rosemond, Ill., to Warrensburg.

BUTLER, ELMER W., Melbourne, Fla., accepts call to Ormond.

BUXTON, WILSON R., formerly of S. Acton, Mass., accepts call to Little Compton, R. I., and is at work.

CHILDS, WM., Kalkaska, Mich., formerly of Augusta, to return to the latter place.

CODDINGTON, FRED'K M., to remain another year at Otsego, Mich. Accepts.

DENNISON, GEO. B., Chicago Sem., to Thayer, Mo. Accepts, to begin work on graduation.

DOUGLASS, H. PAUL, Ames, Io., to First Ch., Springfield, Mo. Accepts.

ELLSWORTH, J. S., Newark Valley, N. Y., to Reformed Ch., Clifton. Accepts.

FRITZEMIER, WM., Peoria, Ill., to Watertown, Wis. Accepts.

GOFFIN, JOHN H., to E. Braintree and W. Brookfield, Vt. Accepts, and is at work.

HALBERT, CHAS. T., to remain another year at Hartwick, Io.

HEGHIN, SAM'L, to remain at Ashton, S. D., till Apr. 2.

HUTLAND, H. J., New York city, to Tyler, Minn. Accepts, and is at work.

HOPKINS, WM. H., Aurora, Neb., accepts call to Third Ch., Denver, Col.

HUELSTER, EDWARD W., Bethel Ch., Chicago, accepts call to Sparta, Wis., to begin Jan. 1.

JONES, F. VERNON, Reno, Nev., to Park Ch., San Francisco, Cal.

LANGFORD, JOHN C., New Lebanon, N. Y., to Presb. Ch., Windsor. Accepts.

MARSHALL, HENRY, Second Ch., Grand Rapids, Mich., to El Reno, Okl.

MARTIN, ALBERT A., Prentice, Wis., to Poysippi and Auroraville. Accepts, and is at work.

PIERCE, CHAS. P., East Douglas, Mass., to Thompson, Ct.

RICE, GUY H., Cortez, Col., to Julesburg. Accepts.

SANDERS, CHAS. S., A. B. C. F. M., to North Ch., Shelton, Wis. Accepts.

SEIBERT, SAM'L S., Carson City, Mich., accepts call to Crystal and Butternut, with residence at the former point.

STUBBINS, THOS. A., Honeoye, N. Y., to Angola.

TRUEBLOOD, WM. J., Johnson City, Ill., accepts call to De Long, and is at work.

WEEDEN, CHAS. F., Norwood, Mass., to Central Ch., Lynn.

WOOD, FRED'K C., Gaylord, Mich., not called to Rose Valley and Gardner, N. D.

### Ordinations and Installations

JOHNSON, J. P., o. Marshland, Wis. Sermon, Rev. J. M. Almstrom; other parts, Rev. Messrs. S. V. S. Fisher, E. A. Anderson, F. G. Hoggquist, J. F. Osterstein, K. G. Festeen.

MCDUGALL, GEORGE L., o. Garden Prairie, Io., Nov. 28. Parts by Rev. Messrs. Joseph Steele, Jr., and H. P. Douglass. Mr. McDougall serves Slater, Kelley and Garden Prairie.

SAUNDERS, HARRY L., o. Wellston, Okl., Nov. 20. Sermon, Rev. T. H. Harper; other parts, Rev. Messrs. W. Lumpkin, W. L. Upshard and Superintendents Parker and Murphy.

### Resignations

JOHNSTON, WALLACE, Franklin Center, Que.

CHEESEMAN, T. W. C., Ashland, Neb., to take effect March 1.

NORLE, FREDERICK A., Union Park Ch., Chicago, Ill.

PASKE, WM. J., Verona, N. J., to take up work in the mission connected with the First Ch., Montclair.

PINCH, PEARSE, First Ch., Springfield, Mo.

### Dismissions

KENESTON, LUTHER M., Shelton, Ct., Nov. 20.

MERRIAM, CHAS. L., Highland Ch., Lowell, Mass., Nov. 27.

### Churches Organized

FURNESVILLE, IND., 25 Nov., 18 members.

HARVEY, N. D. The community is largely Russian.

HOUGHTON, S. D., 28 Feb., 9 members.

PAWNEE, OKL., out-station, 25 members.

### Stated Supplies

BURROUGHS, PROF. G. S., Oberlin Sem., at E. Cleveland, O.

FORBES, SAM'L B., Hartford, Ct., at S. Manchester.

HERSCOCK, GUS. B., Monson, Me., on Sunday afternoons at Blanchard.

PORTER, T. ARTHUR, Lone Rock, Wis., at Lynnvill and Seneca.

VAN LIEU, FRANK E., at Athol, S. D., alternating with Frankfort.

### Personals

AUSTIN, LEWIS A., Orange City, Fla., is convalescing, after a serious illness of several weeks' duration.

COTTON, HARRY A., formerly a missionary of the A. B. C. F. M. in Africa, has been giving a series of addresses on Africa and missions in the churches of the Beloit (Wis.) convention.

CUNNINGHAM, JOHN, pastor at Groton, N. Y., for 23 years, now resides with his son-in-law, Rev. J. B. Arnold, at Friendship.

D'AUBIGNE, MERLE, representing the evangelical Protestant societies of France, is expected in Boston Dec. 16 and 17. It is possible that engagements may be made for him to give addresses besides arrangements already made. Information may be had from Rev. A. S. Twombly, Newton, Mass.

HALL, THOS., Island Pond, Vt., writes that his son, Wm. F., whose death at Deadwood, S. D., was mourned for some two months, is now found to be alive and well.

HARRIS, CLARENCE J., Crown Point, N. Y., has accepted a professorship in the theological department of Demarest College, Atlanta, Ga.

PEGGUM, ROBT., was the recipient of a gold watch, suitably inscribed, on removing from Watertown, Ct., to Yarmouth, N. S.

SMART, ISAAC C., was presented with \$800 by the citizens of Pittsfield, Mass., in connection with the recent semi-centennial of South Church.

### Church Happenings

ARINGTON, MASS., *First* is enjoying a revival. Kerr and Johns, the singing evangelists of Detroit, are assisting. Over 30 openly professed the discipleship of Christ during the first week.

BALTIMORE, MD., *Associate*.—The little bulletin, *Our Messenger*, prints each week leading thoughts from the sermons of the day, besides an original hymn or poem and all the church news and notices.

BENNINGTON, VT., *First* has lost by death its oldest deacon, Hiram H. Harwood, descended from the first settlers, a faithful deacon for 38 years.

BOSTON, MASS., *Boylston* is supporting one of its members, Miss Mary E. Kinney, as a teacher in the girls' high school at Adabazar, Turkey.

BOSTON, MASS., *Phillips* has completed repairs on the tower, costing about \$2,000. The work undertaken in the church this year has been educational. A Boys' Debating Club has been organized, the pastor is giving a series of Sunday evening sermons on Epochs in Church History, a good citizenship class has been formed and is addressed by prominent men of the city, and a fine course of lectures at popular prices is being given by such eminent speakers as T. W. Higginson, Julia Ward Howe and Prof. A. E. Dolbear.

BRANDON, WIS., has been undergoing extensive repairs at a cost of \$1,760, and was rededicated free of debt.

BROCKTON, MASS., *Porter*, in response to a twentieth century suggestion through a pastoral letter from Dr. A. W. Archibald, has raised a debt of \$2,000. The Sunday school for the first three Sundays of November averaged 505, and the audiences at five o'clock vesper for the same time 632.

BURLINGTON, IO., at a cost of \$22,000, has been rebuilding its edifice destroyed by fire 14 months ago. It utilized the uninjured walls of the old building and has now a beautiful modern auditorium. The senior pastor, Dr. Salter, who has just passed his 80th birthday, preached the dedicatory sermon.

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**COLUMBUS, O., South** celebrated its 10th anniversary of organization Nov. 25, with sermon by the pastor, addresses by neighboring clergymen and by Supt. McMillen of the C. S. S. and P. S. Its original membership of 48 has increased to 115.

**DANIELSON, CT., Westfield.**—The canceling of a debt of \$5,000 of nearly 30 years' standing was celebrated, Nov. 18, by the burning of the mortgage.

**DES MOINES, IO., Plymouth** has sold its valuable site and will move three blocks up town, remaining still a down-town church while securing the finest location in the city. It proposes to erect a new edifice at once, for which about \$75,000 are in prospect. Free pews have been adopted.

**DOUGLAS, MASS.,** organized in 1747, has repaired and improved its auditorium at a cost of \$700. The young people gave a fine new organ, and, together with the women, have contributed liberally toward the repairs. The service of rededication has just been held.

**EASTPORT, ME.**—For over three years the mid-week meeting has been led by laymen. Of the 40 or more who have performed this service, seldom has a leader failed or been late. The pastor has now resumed charge of the meeting and will introduce several new features to secure greater interest and profit. A unique presentation of the drink evil was given recently by the pastor, Rev. H. N. Pringle. A week's press reports bearing on this subject were pasted into a roll. As this was unwound extracts were read and comments made, while boys carried the portion read to the rear, a distance of 250 feet.

**GLOVERSVILLE, N. Y.**—The church unites with six others in holding meetings under the guidance of Dr. L. A. Munhall. The series commenced Nov. 14, and the movement is advancing with much power.

**GREENWICH, CT., First** has celebrated its 230th anniversary with four special services. Addresses were by Drs. W. J. Long, Frank Russell, Joseph H. Selden and the pastor, Rev. D. C. Eggleston. In administering the communion the old pewter service was used, which dates back to 1735.

**LA GRANGE, ILL.**—By the will of the late Mrs. Sarah Craigmille, widow of the late Deacon James Craigmille, the church receives \$5,000 towards completing its edifice to afford better chapel and Sunday school room. By the method of an annual sinking fund during the last three years it has reduced its building debt of \$3,700 to \$1,000 (which will probably be paid off next year), while more than keeping its position among the leading churches of the country in genuine denominational benevolences.

**LONDONDERY, VT.**—Money has been raised by the women to paint the meeting house and put in a memorial window. The parsonage has been repaired.

**MELROSE, MASS.**—By invitation of the local evangelical pastors, Dr. J. B. Koehne has just delivered in the City Hall his lectures on The Reasonableness of Christianity. On the last of the six evenings an audience of 600 rose to attest their appreciation of the uplifting work of this able lecturer.

**MT. VERNON, O.**—The standing committee has asked the C. E. Society to assume responsibility for one evening service each month. It provides special music, program, decorations and advertising, enlisting the help of its young people, whether members of the C. E. or not. A Boys' Club and choir meets once a week, sings half the time and has military drill and dumb-bell exercise.

**NEWMAN'S GROVE, NEB.,** was recognized by council Nov. 8, immediately after evangelistic meetings held by Rev. A. T. Reed. Forty-three persons entered into covenant, and after the service the ladies gave a reception to the pastor, Rev. C. D. Gearhart, and his wife, with the visiting delegates. Steps have been taken to secure a good house of worship.

**NORTHBORO, MASS.,** held recently its annual home gathering, separating it for the first time from the annual business meeting. A new rule, designed to look carefully after absentees, is working well.

**PENACOOK, N. H.**—A Men's League has been organized with two week day meetings during the month, and a public meeting on the fourth Sunday evening. Ten members were received at the last communion, one on confession.

**PITTSFIELD, O.**—Repairs, etc., have been made at a cost of about \$1,000. Pres. J. H. Barrows preached the sermon of rededication.

**ROCKFORD, MICH.**—The women have purchased a new organ for the church.

**SAYVILLE, L. I.** has been holding fellowship meetings. The Congregational pastors of Suffolk County went by twos among the churches in November, each church holding meetings for one or more days, in the interest of spiritual helpfulness and denominational fellowship.

**SPRINGFIELD, O., Lagonda Avenue.**—The pastor is conducting a midweek Bible study class in two divisions. Memory verses and locating famous passages add interest.

**STANTON, NEB.**—At the November communion 40 members were received, 27 on confession. These results were secured largely through the evangelistic meetings in charge of Rev. A. T. Reed.

**ST. JOHNSBURY, VT.**—The South Church organ has been thoroughly remodeled and enlarged at

an expense of \$1,400. A class for the study of missions in China at the North Church has just finished a profitable eight weeks' course under the leadership of the pastor. A similar class in the South Church is led by Mrs. Henry Fairbanks. The Athenaeum has generously procured the newest books on the subject for the use of these classes.

**STRANG, NEB.,** has reconstructed its house of worship.

**TORRINGTON, CT., Center.**—To utilize the ability of the laity, Dr. J. A. Chamberlain proposes a series of lay sermons on Sunday evenings on The Progress of the Century as Related to Morals, by members of his own church who are specialists in journalism, mechanics, education, law.

**VEAZIE, ME.**—The pastors of Bangor and vicinity are assisting in a series of special services to be held from Thanksgiving till Dec. 7, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. C. W. Howkins.

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**WATERBURY, CT., Third.**—A six months' course of study in fiction, travel, history, biography, religion and poetry has been launched under the direction of the pastor, Rev. C. E. Granger. People from all over the city have applied to undertake it. Examinations will be held the first week in June and diplomas given to those who pass. The books for the course may be drawn from the Free Public Circulating Library connected with the church.

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## Life and Work of the Churches

(Continued from page 871.)

### Record of the Week

WATERBURY, VT., has recently expended over \$300 in repairs.

WEEPING WATER, NER., has celebrated its 40th anniversary, Dr. George Hindley, its pastor for a decade, returning to assist in the services. The church has always had wide influence in educational, temperance and missionary lines.

WHITNEYVILLE, CT.—Some time ago the pastor, Rev. C. F. Clarke, wrote to the governors of the New Haven Country Club, courteously protesting against Sunday golf playing within sight and hearing of the church. The New Haven Congregational Club and the Federation of Churches also took up the protest. As no action was taken, Mr. Clarke wrote a second letter. The club has now agreed to respect the wishes of the church in the matter.

WISCASSET, ME.—A few days' visitation by the Misses Cochrane and Flag of the State Missionary Society has resulted in the organization of a Sunday school of 40 members.

WOONSOCKET, R. I., *Globe*.—A reception has just been given to the giver of edifice and manse, Mrs. Harriet R. Ballou. The other denominations of the city were represented by the pastors and their wives, and the venerable lady was greeted by a throng from the parish itself.

### In and Around Boston

#### The Sunday School Superintendents' Union

This helpful organization has flourished the past year, having added twenty-six names to its list of members. At the monthly meeting last Monday night in Berkeley Temple new officers for the coming year were elected as follows: president, Dr. J. K. Knight, Hyde Park; vice-president, J. W. Farmer, Jamaica Plain; secretary, Rev. J. L. Kilbon, Newton, and the usual committees. The retiring secretary, Mr. C. N. Goodrich, has served for nine years and has been present at every meeting. A handsome copy of the Bible was presented to him with a resolution of thanks for his services. Addresses were made by the retiring president, Mr. F. W. B. Pratt, and by Mr. C. P. Hall of Warren Avenue Baptist Church, whose theme was The Men's Class in Operation.

#### The Young Men's Congregational Club

The oldest Congregational Club is in Boston, and, so far as we know, it is the only one which has a child of its own. This junior club, which last week at the Hotel Brunswick held its last meeting of this century, has several members whose fathers are or were in the parent organization. Rev. Erastus Blakeslee acted as chaplain. The guests of the evening were Col. C. A. Hopkins, president of the older club, Rev. A. E. Dunning and Rev. Dr. A. H. Bradford, who made the principal address of the evening on the Religion of the Young Man in the Twentieth Century. He said that the denomination must alter its machinery or polity in the direction of greater centralization of authority if it intends to keep its relative place and do its allotted task in ushering in the better day. Then the members discussed the topic, Has the Congregational Church Stopped Growing? The manifest impression was a hopeful and inspiring one, while the promptness and spontaneity with which the members took part and their interest in the subject, keeping them together till half-past nine o'clock, was a commendable example to the senior club, which vanishes like a dream as soon as it awakes from the last words of the appointed speakers, without an audible expression, either of its interest in the topic or of an opinion about it.

#### Mr. Cooke to the Boston Ministers


"None of us liveth to himself"; "for we are members one of another," might have been the double text of Rev. George W. Cooke's address at the Ministers' Meeting last Monday. In view of his articles which have re-

cently appeared in the Boston Transcript, much interest was shown in what he had to say. His position in regard to the subject, The Work of the Churches in the Regeneration of American Life, was not that of a critic so much as that of one simply making the query, Have Congregationalists always taken the right point of view in this matter?

Mr. Cooke said that there have always been two social tendencies in the life of the race, corresponding to heredity and variation in the natural world—"socialism" and "individualism," or social co-operation and individual initiative, supplementing and competing with each other. From the thirteenth century individualism has been steadily gaining strength and now shows itself everywhere—to excess. Too much socialism, i. e., too great corporal unity with little personal freedom, is the fault of the Catholic Church; too much individualism and too little corporate unity are the faults of the Protestant church.

This selfishness—or excessive individualism—is seen in the independent attitude of children to parents and of members of the family to the family; in the desire of men to enter politics, not for the national good, but to gratify their own ambition; in the anxiety of those in the church to save their own souls and develop their own characters with little regard for the needs of the great world family. If the church would be the strong social force that she ought to be, her powers must be brought directly to bear on the national life in order to purify it. Local and individual efforts lack in the unity and comprehensiveness essential to the best results; the family life should be of a higher kind than the old absolute rule of the parents.

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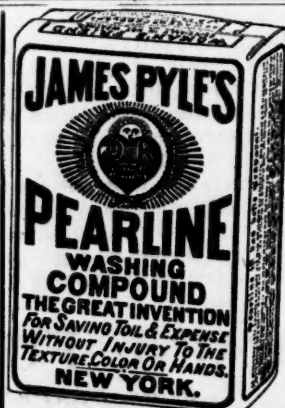
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## Items of Interest

The *Spectator* has a suggestive definition of Bryanism, which it regards as a form of socialism. It is "the disposition to redistribute the fruits of industry on emotional grounds, with too little attention either to economic laws or to common justice."

It appears that James Morrison, a minister of Norham, Scotland, organized a Sunday school twenty-five years before Robert Raikes began his Sunday school in Gloucester, England. John Wesley did the same thing in Georgia twenty-five years before Morrison. But then, Raikes was an editor, and "said the thing so long and loud that he compelled mankind to hear him."

The Pentecostal League is an organization attracting considerable attention in England. It was formed by a lawyer, Mr. Reader Harris. It is a union for daily prayer by the members in behalf of one another and the churches that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit and that a spiritual awakening may follow. The league has 20,000 members and is increasing in numbers. It includes members of the Episcopal and Free churches and has the active support of many ministers.

The western section of the Executive Commission of the Pan-Presbyterian Alliance, representing the Presbyterian churches of the United States and Canada and all churches with a Presbyterian polity and the Reformed theology, decided at its recent meeting in Louisville, Ky., to take steps to induce the governments of the United States and Great Britain to prohibit the sale of intoxicants in the islands of the South Pacific which those Powers now own, and to restrict vice in every possible way.

Prof. George Adam Smith has again been under fire by Scotch conservatives, and to them he replies: "I hold, and have always taught, that in the Old Testament we have from God a genuine and a unique revelation of himself, the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and of his purposes of grace to all mankind. And I firmly believe that on the lines of the recent criticism a more firm apologetic can be laid down for the revelation than the older Biblical criticism was able to provide."

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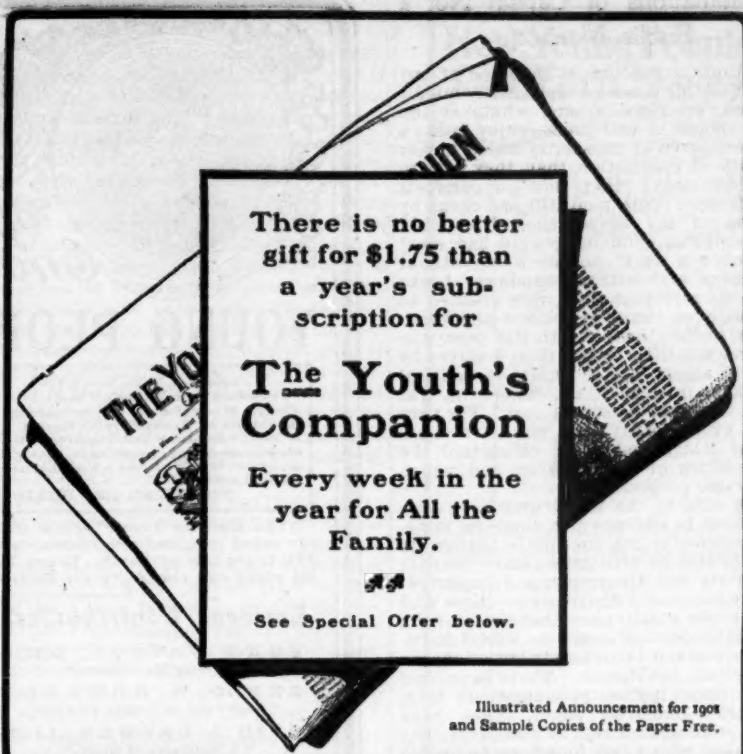
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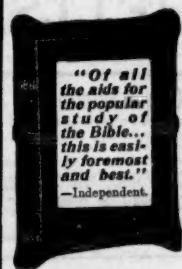
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The men of the world who have done the most to advance not alone its material prosperity but its intellectuality, its culture and its civilization have been its inventors and discoverers and explorers; its producers and distributors—those who have made wealth more abundant, for the largest production means the widest distribution and the fairest distribution means the fullest production. There have been other emancipation proclamations than Lincoln's immortal paper. They have been promulgated not by statesmen, but by those who have found or fashioned the new things that have transformed industrial methods. An enlarged liberty for mankind was heralded when Watt invented the steam engine, when Stephenson made his locomotive, when Fulton first sailed up the Hudson with the Clermont, when Eli Whitney revolutionized the industries and changed the destiny of the South by the invention of the cotton gin, when Arkwright brought forth the power-loom, when Bessemer perfected his processes of making steel. It is these men and the hundreds of thousands of men who have organized and managed and controlled the industries in which all these discoveries and inventions have been utilized who have really made industrial freedom possible.

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## The Business Outlook

Retail and jobbing business has been somewhat affected this week by the intervention of the holidays and also the unsettled weather. General distribution, however, is quite large and the situation as a whole is very satisfactory. The iron and steel, coal, boot and shoe, hardware and lumber trades are all in very excellent condition. A noteworthy factor with regard to the industrial situation is the almost total absence of idleness or labor troubles, or such latter pending. Bank clearings are much ahead of the corresponding period last year, although a trifle smaller than the previous week, owing to the cessation of business Thanksgiving; but perhaps the best proof of all that general trade is all that could be desired is the fact that railroad earnings are showing gains over the enormous traffic returns of a year ago. Our export trade also continues to boom, although cotton and iron may be said to be a little less active.

The position of the iron and steel industry may be said to be more healthy than when it was more active during the boom. Prices are firm, as a rule, and on the whole the situation is held well in hand. Advices from the West are that a large business is doing in pig iron, and that rails, structural material, plates and bars are being ordered in very heavy volume. The demand for anthracite coal is beyond the power to supply it, owing to the cutting down of supplies resulting from the recent strike.

In regard to textiles, the least satisfactory point is woolen goods and wool itself, although the raw material has strengthened up lately to quite an extent. Cotton goods are firmly held and the opening of the spring trade is awaited with great confidence. Bleached cottons of many grades were advanced last week. The best trade reports are coming from the South and Southwest, while the most backward are the sections of the East where unseasonable weather is complained of, and from the sections of spring wheat which suffered most from the shortage of yield.

Speculative markets have been rather more quiet the past week or ten days and Wall Street seems to be undergoing a process of digestion after having gorged itself immediately after election. There are no symptoms, however, of a break-down in values, and it looks as though good securities were a purchase on weak days.

## English Items

Rev. Dr. P. T. Forsyth of Cambridge, Eng., says that "the trouble of our time is that we are more universal in our experience than in our faith. Our culture is wider than our religion."

The north of England Wesleyans, dissatisfied with the dominance of London men and officials in the *Methodist Recorder* and the *Methodist Times*, have started a new journal, the *Methodist Weekly*.

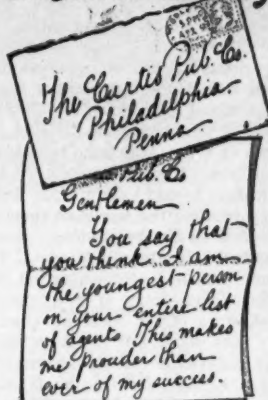
The following from the *Christian World*, London, tells its own story:

In a bibliography of works on the ancient classics, recently published in Berlin, the following note appears under "Horatius":

Horace.—T. T. MUNGER, HORACE, bushnell, preacher and theologian. London, J. Carke. 440 pp. 6d.

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## PRAYER MEETING

BY REV. H. A. BRIDGMAN

Topic, Dec. 16-22. Confessing Christ.  
Matt. 10: 32-39.

Saints, martyrs, confessors—these have always been linked in the thought of the Christian Church and have constituted its roll of honor. It is significant that those who were outspoken in their faith came to be classified by themselves. Hunted down by the persecutor, brought to bay before kings and councils, they recalled the words of their master about confessing him before men. Secret discipleship had to be abjured forever. The test had come. The line of demarcation between them and others—some of them possibly at heart followers of the Nazarene—had to be drawn. They must tell it out to the world that they believed in Christ. It was, after all, only what he had foreseen would come to them, and because they stood up like men and showed their colors our faith has been preserved to us with the radiance of their testimony upon it.

If it meant something in the early days, it must mean something in these days too. Sooner or later we shall be brought up sharp against this test. Shall we, in the midst of the shams and rottenness and the false practices and standards of the world, acknowledge that we have learned a better way? Shall we, when it costs social disfavor and popular obloquy? Christianity has always made its way in the world just in proportion as its adherents have been willing to challenge the corruption about them and to make their modest but firm protest against every form of evil.

Whether a man will confess Christ by joining his church is a secondary although very important question. Decide, first, whether you will confess Christ daily as you go to your business, not by mumbling his name every few minutes nor by making the sign of the cross, but by imitating his example. After your policy in this respect has been determined, the question of joining the church will assume a different phase and you will be very exceptional if it does not seem to you the natural and almost necessary outcome of the other decision.

"But I am not good enough!" O, how men misconceive this matter of confessing Christ. If you were to stand before a congregation and assert that you had made an end of all perfection, that you were henceforth to be an example of all the virtues, you might well shrink from such pretensions. But it is not the good people who confess Christ, but the people who want to be good—the people broken with the shame of their repeated failings and misdeeds, the people yearning for a way out of the prison house of self into the light and liberty of the Sons of God.

"But I am not quite sure whether Jesus is divine!" Does he ask you to exhaust the mystery of his being, or to estimate his place in the scale of creation? He simply asks you to take him for what he himself says he is—the Way, the Truth, the Life, the Light of the World, the Good Shepherd of the sheep. This

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## ENDEAVOR SERVICE

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That Cincinnati brewers protested against the coming of the convention of 1901 is an indication of the character and influence of these gatherings.

In Montclair, N. J., the convicts are given a marked Bible and other literature. Sixty-five inmates of the penitentiary are auxiliary C. E. members.

The noonday evangelistic services held in connection with the recent Pennsylvania convention were so appreciated by one business man that he has requested their continuance in his factory.

## The Church Prayer Meeting

Topic, Dec. 9-15. Do Christians Sufficiently Appreciate Their Hymns? 1 Chron. 16: 7-36; Col. 3: 12-16; Rev. 15: 1-4.

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[For prayer meeting editorial see page 838.]

The Watchman points out the significance of the fact that when the doctrine of the atonement was being discussed at the recent Baptist Congress the two papers read by Southern Baptists emphasized the manward side of the doctrine as containing the substance of what can be known about it. A generation ago the South placed its emphasis differently.

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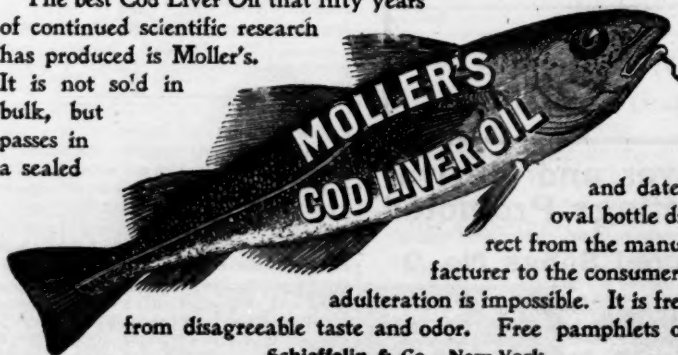
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## Tangles

### 90. HIDDEN DINNER

Concealed in lines below you'll find  
A repast suited to your mind;  
'Tis served to all but once a year,  
A day of brightness and good cheer.

The unspeakable Turk eyed the man in the moon,  
And then begged politely the loan of a spoon.

And presently he spied that glistening golden bowl,  
And added, "I would like that, I would, upon my soul!"

"I always am quite calm on dry land now," said he,  
"But to sailing in a boat I will never agree.

"My cook, Wavara, is in some mischief, I'll be bound;  
I've listened, and listened, and cannot hear a sound.

"Sometimes he's very wise and provides with judgment rare,  
But has not an atom at other times, this I declare.

"Among my peasants my best servants I can find,  
They are devoted to their masters, faithful and kind.

"On holidays and fête days they serve their master well,  
Also upon the times of trial, I can with fervor tell.

"Now please address that parcel: E. R. Young plainly write,  
We all go in the morning, so we'll bid you all good night."  
EVA HAMILTON.

### 91. INAUGURAL TRANSPOSAL

The names and dates of inauguration are correct, except that both letters and figures have been somewhat jumbled, and need rearranging by the reader: 1. Mr. Amo E. Jones, 1781. 2. Floral I. Miller, M. D., 1085. 3. Lewin I. Killmay, M. C., 1789. 4. Charly A. Rozaty, 1984. 5. Sir Howgane Nogget, 1897. 6. S. S. Majoined, M. A., 1980. 7. N. J. Soda Ham, 1977. 8. Mate F. J. Hoofess, R. N., 1810. 9. Ned N. Washoon, Jr., 1568.

DOBOTHEA.

### 92. ENIGMA

I saw it when the light of day  
Had just begun to fall;

It looked quite like the paring from  
A dainty finger nail.

I watched for it as time went on,  
And lo, it slowly grew  
Until it looked quite like a ball  
Upon a field of blue.

And still I watched. It got its growth  
And then, night after night,  
It slowly shrank and pined away.  
Then disappeared from sight.

ETHYL.

### 93. SPIDER SAILING

I set a large spider afloat on a chip upon a quiet mill pond. On realizing the situation, he seemed to decide upon the nearest point of land and cast a web for it. This caught securely upon the grass. Carefully pulling upon the line, like an old sailor, he drew his craft toward shore at the rate of an inch per minute until exactly half the distance was accomplished. He then pulled faster, to keep his line from touching the water, his rate being three inches per minute until he safely reached the land.

Thinking he might be a special expert in seamanship, I tried several others, starting all at the same distance from land. All reached shore in the same manner, but one, whose web caught on a weed and was not in danger of dipping, maintained a constant speed of two inches per minute. I found, though, that while he moved at apparently the average rate of speed of the first one, yet he accomplished the trip in six minutes less time.

How far did I put them from shore?

F. L. S.

### 94. CHARADE

(Phonetic)

FIRST is an implement, in use each day;  
LAST is a number, perfect in its kind;  
WHOLE, in two words, is sorrow-laden, yea,  
And dissipates high hopes and peace of mind.

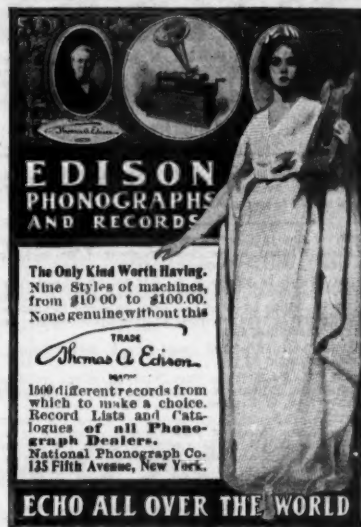
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### ANSWERS

87. 1. In-firm. 2. Straight-way. 3. Man-date.  
4. Post-haste.  
88. Stable.  
89. Determination.

Answers acknowledged: From Annie K. Gifford, Gorham, N. H., to 84; E. G. Cooke, Spencer, Mass., 84; L. B. S., Dover, N. H., 83, 84; Alice L. Moss, Ishpeming, Mich., 83, 84, 85; Abbie A. Tidd, Westboro, Mass., 83, 84, 85; Ned, 83, 84.

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**MANN-HOBBS**—In Pelham, N. H., Nov. 14, by Rev. Charles H. Oliphant, Samuel E. Mann of Methuen, Mass. (formerly of Honolulu, H. I.), and Ella A. Hobbs.

## Deaths

The charge for notices of deaths is twenty-five cents. Each additional line ten cents, counting eight words to a line. The money should be sent with the notice.

**BENTLY**—In Jamestown, N. Y., Nov. 22, Annie Chitt, wife of William H. Bentley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Chitt of Washington, D. C.

**BOROUGH**—In Erwin, S. D., Oct. 28, of enteric fever, Rev. Wesley A. Borough, former pastor of Erwin church. Since 1895 he had been engaged in business. To the end he was foremost in every good work. Buried at Marselles, Ill.

**COLEMAN**—In Portland, Ore., Nov. 9, Rev. William L. Coleman, aged 83 yrs.

**HATHAWAY**—In Hyde Park, Nov. 22, at the residence of her son, Edward S. Hathaway, Mary T. Hathaway of Newport, R. I., aged 82 yrs., 11 mos., 24 dys.

**SNOW**—In Brewer, Me., George A. Snow, for twenty-seven years deacon of First Church, of which he had been a member since four years. He was for six years moderator of Penobscot Conference, a brother to Rev. B. A. Snow, an early missionary to Micronesia and had been prominent in municipal matters. He died at the age of 75 yrs.

**SWIFT**—In Malden, Dec. 1, suddenly, Anne, widow of the late Henry Swift. "There is rest for the weary."

## EDWIN PERRY

Deacon Perry died at his home in Ashland, Mass., Oct. 9. He was born in Holden, Mass., Dec. 11, 1830. He had held the offices of clerk and treasurer of the Congregational Church twenty-five years; he was deacon thirty-two years. In church, town and family he was like the disciple whom Jesus loved, and who was called the "friend of Jesus," the story of whose death and resurrection was read at his funeral. He left a widow, Louise P. (Brewster) Perry, and one son, George M. Perry, who is a librarian in New York.

## MRS. J. M. STONE

Mrs. Jerome M. Stone, who entered into rest Nov. 20, was the daughter of Eli Davis, M. D., of Ellensburg, N. Y. She was educated at Union Academy, Belleville, N. Y., and taught in the public schools of Ellensburg and Watertown, N. Y., and Sutton, Mass. She was married April 17, 1867, to Jerome M. Stone, coming with him to Worcester, Mass., to live, where, after several years of membership in the Old South Church, they were prominent in organizing the Church of the Covenant. In fifteen years Mrs. Stone has served this church during most of the time as deaconess, but whether in office or out of office her service has always been given with a loving faithfulness which has exemplified the motto of her life, "Do the next thing," founded upon the passage, "Whatever your hands find to do, do it with your might." The same spirit has manifested itself in her home life, and as a friend and neighbor she has been active and helpful.

After an illness of nearly two years, in which she knew that she was appointed unto death, she quietly responded to the call of her Lord and Master, going out from her home made dear by the love and tender care of husband and son and her two sisters, who had come to spend the winter with her, without fear into the many mansions, the home that Christ has prepared for his loved ones. She will be greatly missed by the community where she lived and in the church where she served, but her life will still be felt the lives of those she has touched and turned unto righteousness.

## DEACON A. G. CHENEY

Died in Albany, Vt., Nov. 23, Deacon A. G. Cheney, aged 69 yrs., 5 mos.

Mr. Cheney leaves a widow and six children. The children, now grown to manhood and womanhood, give testimony in noble character to the value of an early Christian home.

R. C. L.

## Meetings and Events to Come

**BOSTON MINISTERS' MEETING**, Pilgrim Hall, Dec. 10, 10 A. M. Speaker, Miss Helen M. Cole. Subject, The Social Economic Teachings of the Prophets.

**NORFOLK EAST DISTRICT MASS. S. S. ASSOCIATION**. Annual meeting, First Baptist Ch., Wollaston, Dec. 11.

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